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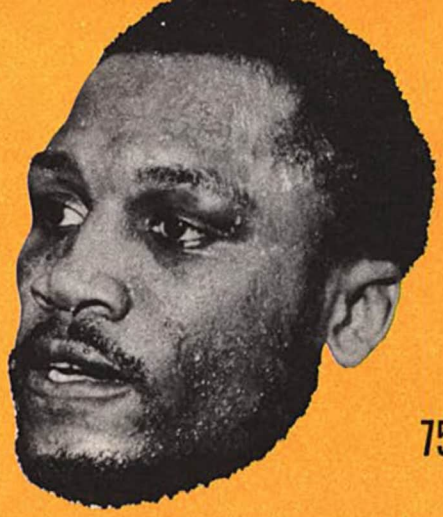

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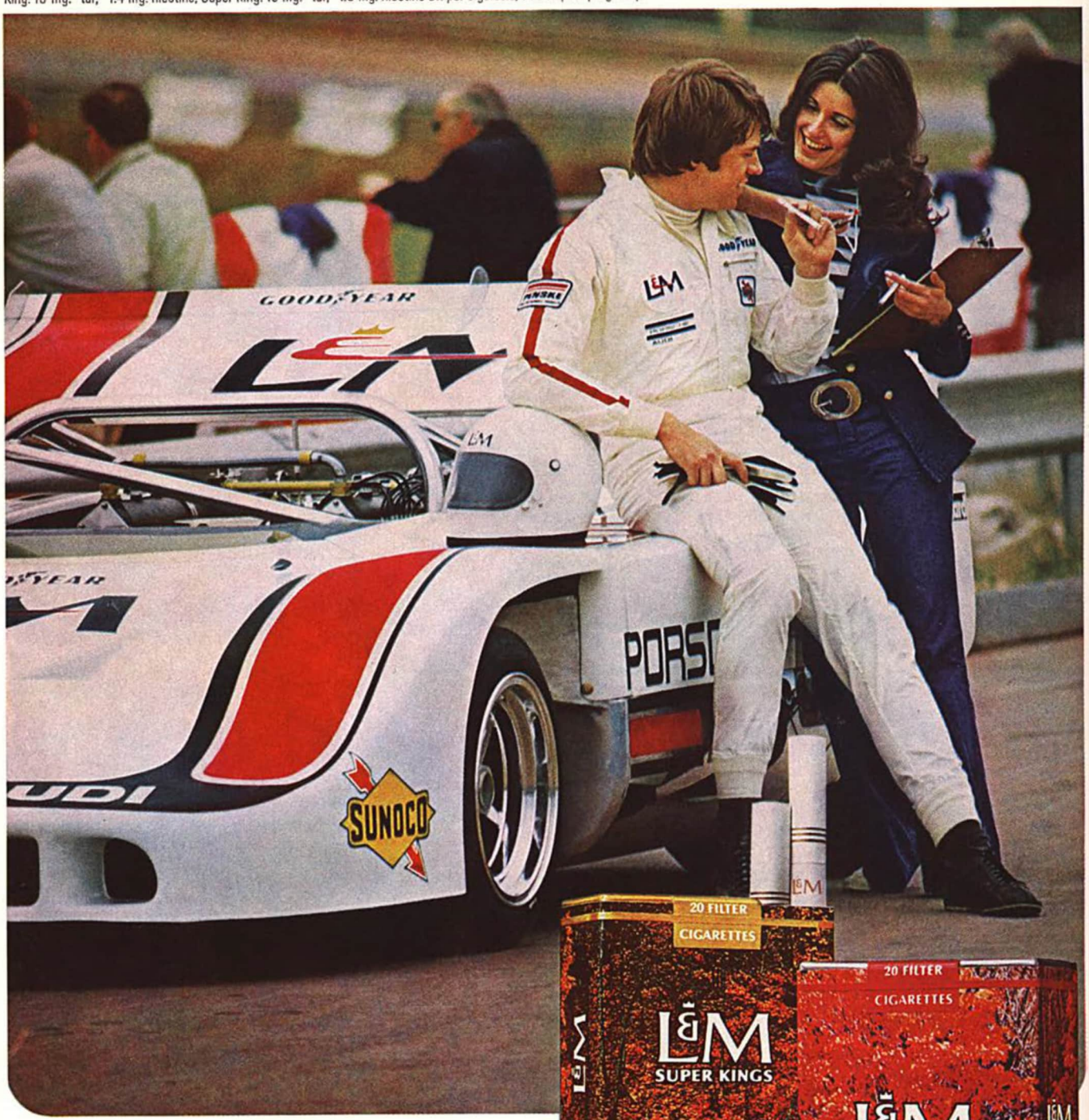

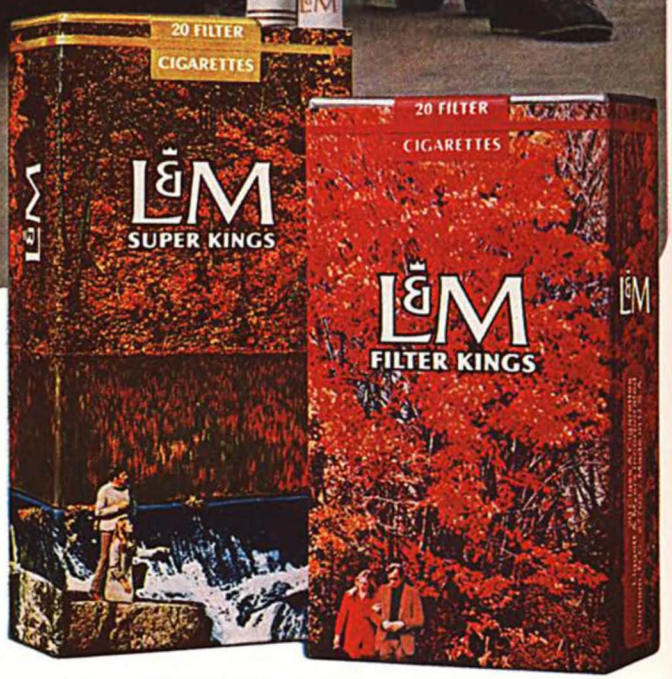

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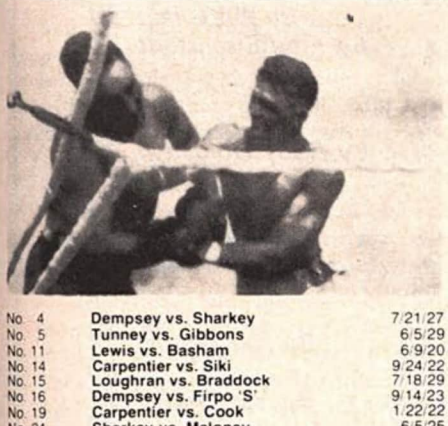

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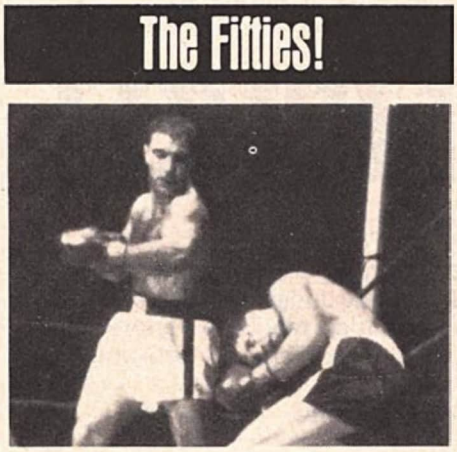

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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

FIFTY one years ago, The Ring Magazine was founded by the late Nat Fleischer on the sound and unwavering principles of Law and Order, and the recognition of the best professional fighter in his class as the champion.

The Ring has been fighting desperately in advancing these principles. But at times it finds it difficult to obtain the support of commissions and other organizations which know better.

As a result we have alleged world titleholders galore, with many of the so-called leaders standing on very thin ice.

The Ring had hoped that the announced pact between the WBA and the WBC would help to clear up some of these unsupportable situations. But the agreement between the two WBs was shortlived. There is no understanding between them and there is no promise of a merger.

In consequence, the epizootic of titular (so called) claims will continue. In fact, chances are that it will grow and lead to further confusion, and additional misunderstanding by the average follower of boxing.

Even so hitherto sound an authority as the New York State Commission became involved in the carnival of hoaxes when it announced that Jose Napoles no longer was the welterweight champion, and his place had been given to Billy Backus. This decision appeared to have its origin in politics. Napoles was then, and still is, the world champion of the welters and the New York decision is disregarded universally, one of the jokes of our time.

The lightweight and bantam titles are among others which have spawned debates beyond solution. The various junior championships have been unusually prolific of unsupportable claims and decisions.

The Ring always has insisted that unless fraud were detected, world championships must be won and lost in the ring and not in the at times prejudiced sessions of organizations and commissions.

The Ring proved to the world just what it meant when it refused to follow the herd and take the heavyweight title from Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay.)

For more than three years The Ring insisted that Ali still was the world champion. Then he resigned the title and made it possible for Joe Frazier to gain a clear title by stopping Jimmy Ellis, winner of a WBA elimination tournament, with a five-round knockout.

Time was when lawyers seldom got into the boxing news. But now they are seen frequently in the sports page headlines.

Time was when boxers entered into articles of agreement for fights with full respect for these contracts. Now they are too often bases for legal action.

Time was when a signature was a serious token of Law and Order. Now the slogan is "Sue me."

England appears to have a big advantage over the United States in the matter of solid government of fistic affairs.

The mandates of the British Board of Boxing Control are strict and unwavering.

The Board is not government controlled. It is an organization respected by all promoters, boxers and fans. Its word is law.

Boxing can control itself. It can set up Law and Order, banishing politics and "Sue me." It can set up true champions.

Boxing can banish the stiffs. It can stop the exportation of ill-equipped boxers to countries which exult in the defeat of American representatives with scant talent.

American boxing is losing its once precious initiative. This means that the U.S. is losing world champions and world control. In 1926, every world champion was an American. We do not want that condition to be duplicated. But we do want the phonies barred from all connection with the sport. They can be barred.

"I WILL BEAT FOREMAN OR QUIT!" SAYS JOE FRAZIER

By JOE FRAZIER

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QUITE a few heavyweights would like to fight me. But I have only one opponent in mind. He is George Foreman.

All other propositions do not interest me. I believe that I can recover the world title and the sooner I face him again, the better.

As the world champion, I gave George his chance. He beat me. Maybe he can do it again. I doubt it.

In any event, by the rules of sportsmanship and the traditions of the heavyweight championship I am entitled to a return match. I call on George and his manager to drop all other negotiations and sign the papers with me.

Coming to terms with the champion will be easy for me. Just let me get that fight. Getting the proper place and promotion will be easy insofar as I am concerned. Just let him sign the papers and give me that shot.

If I am beaten by George a second time you won't find me hanging around. I will quit the ring.

George is reluctant to fight me again, especially at this time. He figured he would hit the road with exhibitions and do big business. But the tour has not been successful. At Las Vegas he did not draw 1,000 people and his take was only $12,500.

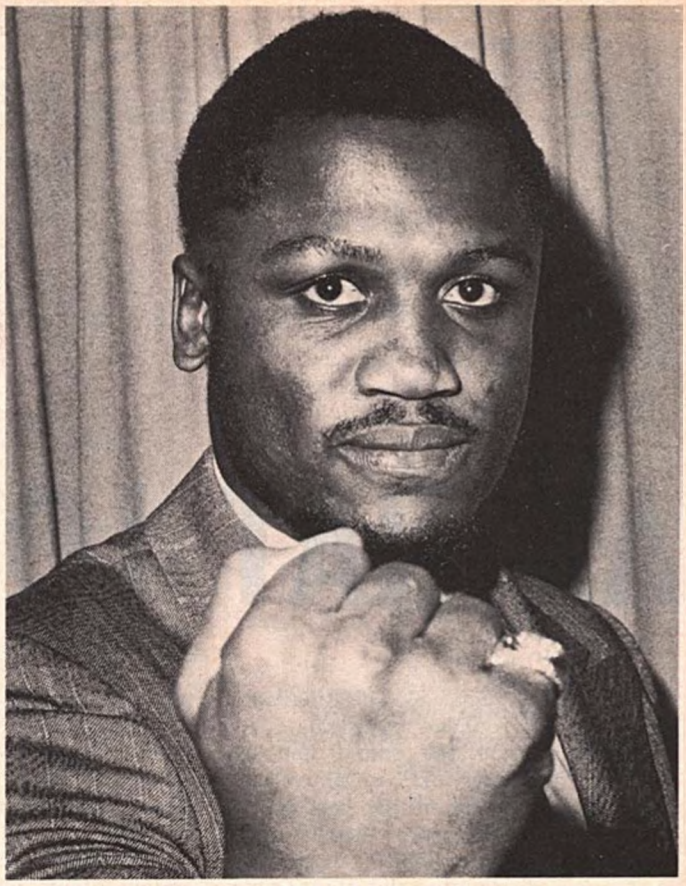
I am pleading for a return match not because I need the money. I am set up ideally. I have the best fight manager, the best investment counsellor, the best real estate advisor, in fact, the most able crew of caretakers of my present situation and my financial future.

Purchase of that plantation at Bruton near Beaufort, S.C. was a gold strike.

Eventually you will see a big sign on Interstate 95, the main highway six miles away, inviting the public to tour the Frazier Plantation.

My investment there takes in a mile of valuable land and that alone could assure my future. Watch South Carolina!

Yes, I am thinking of the future. But only as a matter secondary to a second fight with George.



Ex-heavyweight king Joe Frazier, who says that he'll beat Foreman, but if he loses to George again, he'll quit the ring.

I am 29. I have a fine wife, a fine family. I have promised my wife that I will be finished with the gloves between the ages of 30 and 31. By that time I should be the champion of the world again.

George hits like the kick of a mule. But, with all that, I can beat him.

When I lost to him at Kingston, Jamaica, I went about my job all wrong. I made serious mistakes. I trained wrong, I fought wrong.

I have been asked a hundred times, what happened at Kingston?

I simply cannot explain in detail because things happened so fast.

Give me George again and I will fight a different fight.

Suppose George refuses to fight me again, and goes on refusing? I could not afford to let myself get rusty. I would have to consider several plans.

Madison Square Garden wants me to fight Jerry Quarry a second time.

I would like to fight some exhibitions of a type unlike any put on in the past by heavyweight champions and contenders. I would like to put on two five-round exhibitions a night, with the action coming as close as possible to real fights. We have the men with whom to put on that kind of plan.

As for Madison Square Garden's plan for me to fight Quarry, that is entirely up to Yank Durham. He is my manager, the best in the world. He takes care of my business concerned with the ring.

The Garden people and I understand each other and we are not going to rush things.

You see, I want George, first, second and third. I've got to fight him again.

In my fight with Cassius Clay, he had a chance until the 12th round.

A scene from Foreman's knockout of Frazier in two rounds back in January.

Here's Foreman, posing with a carnation in his mouth and a clenched fist. His exhibition bouts haven't exactly been packing them in.

But with me against George it was different.

That second knockdown was fatal for me. The film is very revealing. It shows my hands held low. I got hit with solid shots. Fighting him from that point was like moving the side of a mountain.

After it was all over the experts were hunting for reasons for my defeat. Some said I went into the fight sick. I was not sick then, I never felt better than I do now. I get a complete physical every month.

They talk about tuneups. I don't need tuneups. I need and want George.

A fight with me would be George's best financial possibility. What's he holding back for?

At Kingston I ignored my left. Well, I am back with that punch.

The former monarch of the heavies is confident of his ability to regain the throne he occupied for three years.

Give me the rematch and I will fight him altogether different.

I am training every day. I work, eat, sleep and dream of meeting George again. He surprised me, I will return the compliment.

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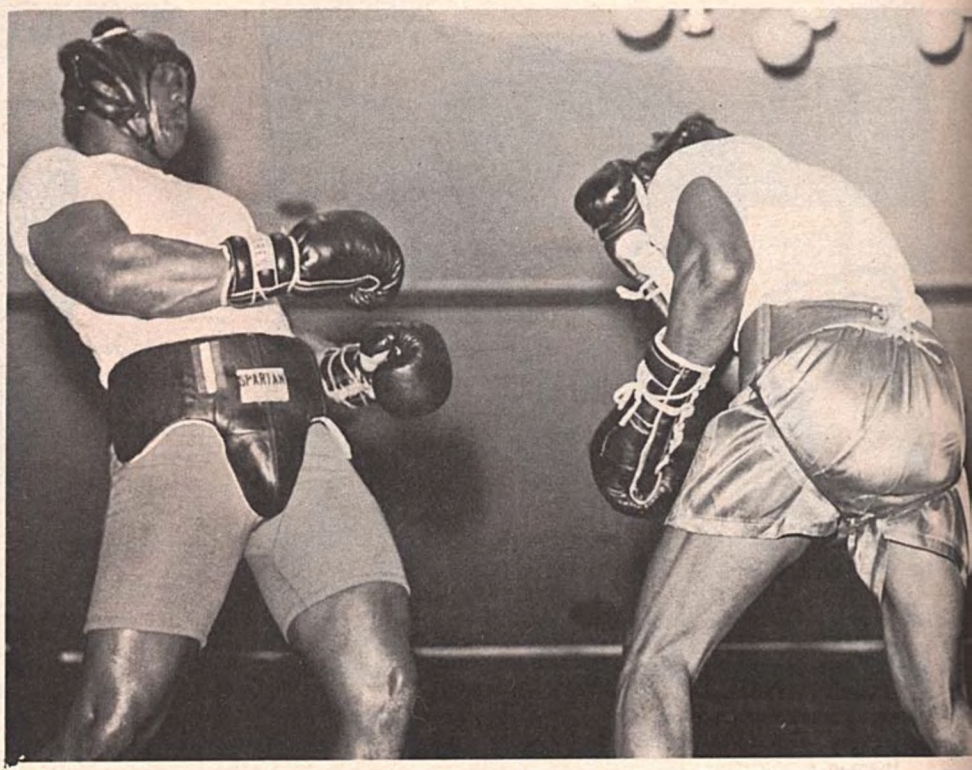
"NOT INTERESTED IN QUARRY," SAYS FOREMAN IN LAS VEGAS

By ROBERT MOSS

Heavyweight king George Foreman is presented an award by Nevada Lieutenant Governor Harry Reid.



Foreman feints as Lonnie Bennet covers up at the beginning of their two-round stint.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. – George Foreman, our new heavyweight champion of the world, was here. He appeared at the lavish Circus Circus.

After a few exhibitions, the champion gave The Ring man an interview in which he said:

1 – He will not fight Jerry Quarry, being offered as a contender by the Garden in New York.

2 – He is not making much money, even though he got $250,000 for fighting Joe Frazier. Exhibitions not doing well.

3 – The exhibitions here meant resumption of training.

4 – He resents calling them "exhibitions" and designating himself as an exhibit.

5 – There are as many as 10 contenders.

Foreman and his cast of three young boxers and a seasoned veteran who were to oppose him in Las Vegas, dressed informally for the event, tee shirts, boxing trunks and head guards. But the largely tuxedoed and evening-gowned audience which had come to catch his act looked like a first night assemblage.

They paid $100 apiece to drink complimentary cocktails, munch a steak dinner and watch Foreman and friends perform. The money went for a good cause, in fact two of them: The American Cancer Foundation and the John Howard Foundation for Prison Reform. The champion has a genuine concern for rehabilitating unfortunates.

Foreman boxed four rounds, two each with Lonnie Bennet and Victor Scott. He then accepted an award from Nevada's Lieutenant Governor, Harry Reid, and went back to work against Terry Hinske and veteran Eddie "Bossman" Jones.

It was Foreman's first appearance in a ring since his explosive performance in Jamaica. For those who came expecting a repetition or even a reasonable facsimile of the Foreman who had destroyed Frazier, there was disappointment. For those who came expecting to see a stiff-limbed, slow moving Frankenstein's monster of a fighter, there was surprise.

All of his opponents were smaller than the champion. None were deranged to the point they wanted to do any serious trading of blows with him. At times the action looked like it might have been choreographed. Foreman gave just what he had been advertised to give—an exhibition.

Much later, sweating moderately but his features placid, like a monarch who has become used to his crown and is even aware of the weight of it pressing down on his brow, Foreman objected to the term.

"Exhibition?" he said, speaking softly so that the listener almost had to bend his head to catch the words.

"That makes me sound like I am some kind of exhibit on display. I just came here to show the people the various things I can do."

The first thing he had done was a surprise. Against Lonnie Bennet of Los Angeles, a good fighter who has only lost twice in a couple of years, Foreman came bounding out of his corner with more spring in his legs than anyone who had seen him advance tank-like on Frazier might think possible. He bounded about the ring, moving one way then the other and letting Bennet, who fights in both the light heavy and heavyweight divisions do all the leading.

"People have the image of this big slow George Foreman," George said. "You know, plodding around the ring. I just wanted to show them that he can move around some too."

Though the image of Foreman moving quickly to and fro is a bit of a mind blower, especially when you try and match it with another swiftly moving heavyweight like Ali, against the much smaller Bennet it looked incongruous. Foreman must have realized this too for he soon came down off his toes and threw some solid punches even though most of them were aimed at the gloves and shoulders of his smaller opponent.

Victor Scott, though heavier than Bennet, had the least experience of any of George's four opponents (He objected to them being called sparring partners). He also looked somewhat unenthusiastic about offending the giant confronting him. Foreman seemed to realize this and so he did almost nothing of a positively offensive nature for their two rounds and even indulged in a little clowning for the audience.

He started the session in his corner, straining against the ropes and grimacing at Scott as if he could not wait to get at him. Reminders of his meeting with Frazier came flooding back.

On the theater screen the camera had panned on Frazier as the fighters came to the center of the ring for introductions. Joe's face had been positively fierce as he glared at the challenger. But then the camera seemed to dolly up, up to Foreman's own face. He was staring down at Joe with awful intensity. You could almost imagine a message which might have flashed across his mind—"Well, Well now! What have we here? You sure look awfully small."

"George what were you thinking about when you came to the center of the ring and faced Frazier."

"I was thinking I'd rather be home," said Foreman without the trace of a smile.

"That psychology stuff. All that stuff! That's just bunk!" interjected Dick Sadler, Foreman's manager.

"When two grown men get in there and start fighting that's all there is. Ain't no psychology. Against fighters the caliber of

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(Above) Foreman tags Bossman Jones with a right. Moments later he put Jones down. (Below) The heavyweight champion digs a left to the midsection of Victor Scott.

FOREMAN'S EXHIBITIONS NOT DRAWING, FANS LOOK TO CHAMPION TO DEFEND TITLE

By DAN DANIEL

GEORGE Foreman, heavyweight champion of the world by virtue of a spectacular two-round knockout of Joe Frazier, is starting the defense of his title with no thumping of drums and blowing of bugles.

Foreman has signed to meet Joe King Roman, of Puerto Rico, in Tokyo on September 1.

Time was when the publicity engendered by George's feat at Kingston, Jamaica, would have been followed by a rematch with Frazier, who by heavyweight tradition is entitled to an opportunity to win the championship back.

But there is little respect now for tradition, for custom and whatever was admirable in the ring in days gone by.

Frazier rightfully is clamoring for a return match. But Foreman is holding him off.

George says he needs money. His tours in this country and Europe have not been productive financially.

A fight with Frazier would give George more than a million. But those who run his business are not persuading him. Precisely why is difficult to dig out.

It is conceivable that they are waiting for Muhammad Ali's situation to clarify itself and that they rate a match with the former champion a richer potential than a meeting with Frazier.

Foreman's failure to draw the fans to his overpriced exhibitions with even anything remotely resembling the expected strength has been a blow to the champion's exchequer. Montreal and Ontario Commissions barred George's show.

It would appear that the vogue of exhibitions by heavyweight champions has passed. The fight public has become very selective. The unhappy position of Uncle Sam's dollar both here and abroad has not helped any.

Foreman should profit from the collapse of the Frazier-Ali proposition, and strike while the iron is hot.

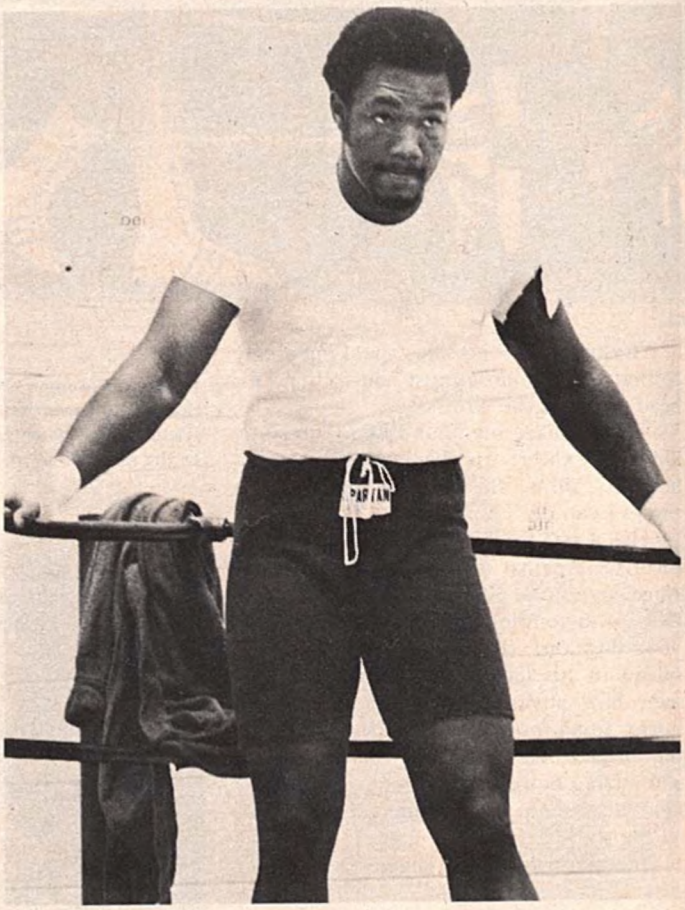
Foreman told the fans at his Las Vegas show that he was not an exhibit. He explained that he desired to demonstrate how he went about doing his stuff in the ring. Call it what he will, the fact is that Ali wore that type of entertainment to death. Nor is the quiet George a counterpart of the loquacious, theatrical Cassius Clay.

Cassius and jaw buster Ken Norton are signed up to fight in Jack Kent Cooke's Forum in California on September 10.

Conceivably those who make Foreman's arrangements see this schedule: September 1, Tokyo, against Roman; November, the winner of the Ali-Norton fight; January, Joe Frazier.

While waiting for Foreman, Frazier has deigned to meet Joe Bugner in London. He keeps hollering for George, but Foreman and Dick Sadler seem to be deaf.

"You never know what to expect when you pick up the morning paper," said Terry Brenner, boxing director, matchmaker and general poohbah in Madison Square Garden.



Heavyweight king George Foreman, who has signed to meet Joe King Roman at Tokyo on September 1.

Teddy wasn't talking about Watergate or the Pentagon. He was referring to the uncertainty of matchmaking and the erratic performances of some of our heavyweights.

Brenner just had discovered that he had lost an advertised match between Jerry Quarry and Jose Luis Garcia.

To pick up a few reduced value American dollars, Garcia had accepted a match in Puerto Rico with Joe Alexander, of New York, who was known for his habit of losing.

Alexander was a 50 to 1 shot when the bell rang. He offered a wobbly left hook for a starter. It was also the finisher. Garcia was knocked out in 1 minute, 25 seconds, and Brenner lost the Quarry-Garcia "attraction." He hastily arranged a Quarry fight with Shavers.

Not so long ago, Garcia was rated among the Top Ten. Then he became involved in a fatal auto accident in Venezuela in which a little girl was killed.

Garcia served a short sentence and returned to the ring, where he was knocked out by Ernie Terrell. Now the Alexander episode, which may forecast the retirement of the South American.

As it turned out, Garcia's KO by Alexander was a blessing in disguise for Brenner, as it saved him from opening his directorship in the Garden with a downright flop.

When the Garcia match was cancelled; but fast, it was reported that Quarry would fight Jimmy Ellis. This fizzled, allegedly because Ellis advanced some startling calculations as to his value as an attraction.

Then Ernie Terrell came into the picture, briefly. Shavers looked like a better choice. He had been waiting for a New York shot and fight fans all over the country wondered how good, or how bad, he might be.

The elimination of Garcia almost had its counterpart in England, with promoter Harry Levene the victim of a most unexpected upset, the knockout of Danny McAlinden by an unknown American puncher named Morris Jackson.

Somebody sent Jackson to London as an interim opponent for McAlinden while the Irishman was waiting for a signed fight with European heavyweight champion Joe Bugner.

When McAlinden was stopped, Levene hollered for an official physical examination of Danny, conceivably with an eye to getting himself out of a bad bargain. There were reports that McAlinden had injured an arm in training.

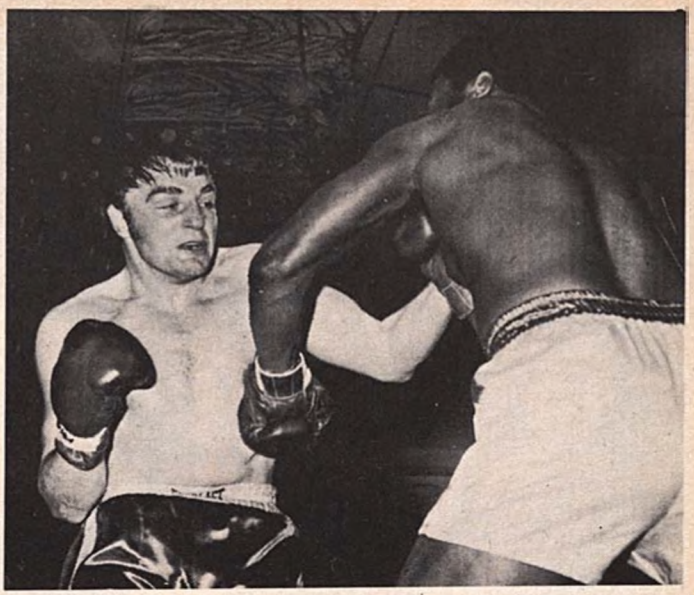
However, Jack Solomons, manager of McAlinden, insists that a bargain is a bargain and that the McAlinden-Bugner contract stands.

The Bugner-McAlinden match cannot escape being hurt seriously by Danny's misadventure.

Word from the Muhammad Ali camp in Pennsylvania is that his jaw fracture has healed and he is getting into fine shape, with plans to enter the ring at something like 217 pounds.

Ali is said to be attending strictly to business and holding no public sessions.

Ali may face Norton with a mental handicap. If Muhammad suffered a broken jaw at San Diego he may get another fracture at Inglewood. In any event, Ali now is aware of Norton's ability to punch with jaw-busting effect.



British heavyweight monarch Danny McAlinden (left) swaps punches with Morris Jackson here. Jackson stopped McAlinden in the third round in a startling upset which seems to throw a monkey wrench into the proposed McAlinden-Joe Bugner meeting.

Angelo Dundee appears to be "restraining" Muhammad Ali here as George Foreman "cringes." It is possible that Foreman's braintrust has Ali in mind for a future date with the heavyweight champ.

The famed smile of President Franklin D. Roosevelt is most evident here in this jaunty pose at Warm Springs, Ga. FDR received nerve treatments for the pains in his polio-crippled legs from boxing manager Harry Lenny.

Harry Lenny's Mysterious Patient Was Crippled FDR

By JACK FRIED

JACK Hurley, who died in Seattle last fall, was the last of the great colorful managers this chronicler has known over the past 45 years. The list was once a long one, including—among many others—Jack Kearns, Joe Jacobs, Red Mason and Jimmy Dougherty, better known as the Baron of Leiperville, Pa.

Also Harry Lenny.

Harry who?

Only a few old timers, such as 86-year-old Philadelphia promoter Herman Taylor, can say today that they knew Harry Lenny. A native of South Philadelphia's Little Italy, he fought 400 battles as a lightweight in the early 1900s, following in the footsteps of his more internationally famous older bantamweight and featherweight brother Eddie. Harry managed several name boxers for some years before ending his career—by then a garrulous, portly gent on the fringes of the game in New York. He preceded Hurley to the grave by nine years.

What lifted Lenny above the others was a unique gift that linked him to the last months in the life of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"I gave the President a series of nerve treatments for the pains in his (polio-crippled) legs before and after his trip to the

Yalta Conference in 1945," Harry told me not long after Roosevelt's death.

"I'm what you might call a touch healer—not a masseur. I work on people's bodies with my hands and I've been practicing it for years as a profession with good results. It's a blessing I was born with. It's been in my family for many generations. Only one of us could inherit it every other generation. The last one before me was my grandmother, who died in 1908.

"Her name was Marinelli, but the people she treated in South Philly called her Batisti Grosso. That's Italian for Big Baptist."

On Christmas Day, 1944, Harry recalled, he was summoned by letter to a mysterious tryst in Rhinebeck, N.Y., by a Miss Margaret L. Suckley.

"She wrote that she had a friend she wanted me to treat and could I come to Rhinebeck two days later," he said. "I got an idea it was somebody important, but I couldn't guess who. By arrangement, I took a certain train to Rhinebeck, and when I got off at the station, a chauffeur met me and drove me to a mansion on a hilltop overlooking the town.

"Miss Suckley met me at the door and led me into a large room, where she introduced me to her mother. When the mother said, 'I hope you can help Franklin,' I was able to figure out it was Mr. Roosevelt.

"He was carried into the room and laid on a big couch. I talked while I worked on him and he kept answering over and over again, 'Oh really!' After that treatment, he said to Miss Suckley, 'Daisy, I can move my toes.'

"Miss Suckley was his cousin. She gave him that famous little dog Fala and she was with him when he died in Warm Springs, Georgia, on April 12, 1945. She told me she didn't want the President's physician, Admiral McIntire, to know about me. That was what made the deal so secret. Afterward, he got to know about it and didn't disapprove.

(Above) Harry Lenny, back in the good old days, complete with classy derby. (Right) Even further back we go to see Lenny as a lightweight out of Philadelphia. Note the stars and stripes around his waist.

"When the first treatment turned out okay, I was called back six times to repeat in Hyde Park and Washington. Then Mr. Roosevelt went to Yalta.

"After he came back, I gave him nine more treatments. The last one was on March 26. He went to Warm Springs and we had a date for April 29, but he never came back alive."

Lenny showed me several letters from Miss Suckley thanking him for the good he had done for the President while he was alive. Harry also received a reward for his services from Basil O'Connor, Roosevelt's personal lawyer who also headed the March of Dimes campaigns in their early years.

Lenny's brother Eddie, who was managed by the Baron of Leiperville, fought many of the stars in the 118 and 126 pound classes of his time, including a 25-rounder with Terry McGovern. Harry also was under the Baron's wing for a time and treated him shortly before his death.

As a manager in his own right, Lenny handled Jack Delaney and Johnny

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Here is the signing for the return bout between Ray Impellitiere and Tommy Loughran, staged in Philly in June, 1935. Left to right, seated, are Imp, promoter Bobby Gunnis and Loughran. Standing, Lenny, matchmaker Pete Moran and Joe Smith, Loughran's pilot. Loughran is the only one of the group still living.

Fala, FDR's pet scottie, arrives at the funeral of his master in April, 1945. He's being led by Margaret L. Suckley, the president's cousin, who made the original request for Harry Lenny to treat FDR. Also in the photo are (from left) Basil O'Connor, onetime law partner of the president: Grace Tully, secretary to Mr. Roosevelt; and Laura Delano, FDR's cousin, who is leading Anna Roosevelt Boettiger's dog.

Challenger Emile Griffith ducks a long right thrown by middleweight king Carlos Monzon in the first round of their 15-round title contest held in Monte Carlo.

MONZON, HELD EVEN FOR 10 BY GRIFFITH, RALLIES FOR VICTORY AND TALKS OF RETIREMENT

By J. A. TREE

MONTE CARLO, Monaco – For the second time since September 25, 1971, Carlos Monzon, of the Argentine, world middleweight, recently defeated Emile Griffith, Virgin Islander based in New York in Louis II Stadium, an open air arena, before 8,000 onlookers.

This time Monzon had to go the entire route of 15-rounds to retain the title he won from Nino Benvenuti. In their first meeting, Monzon stopped Griffith in 14-rounds.

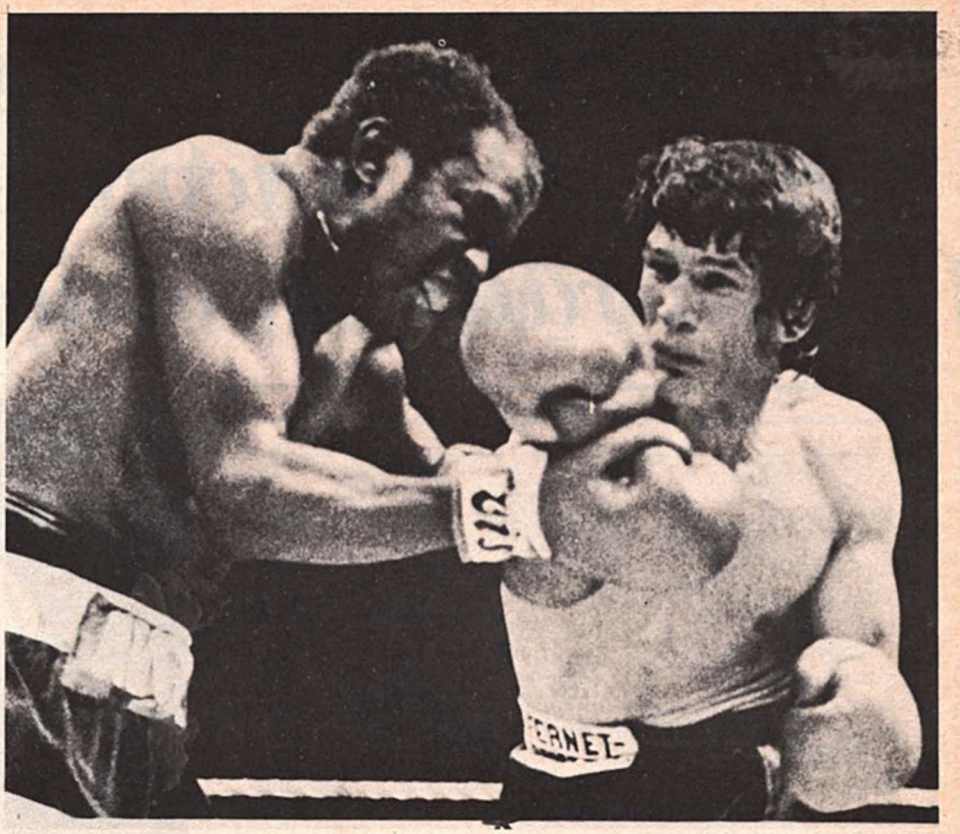
In this second battle, the voting was all for Monzon. Referee Pierrot Brenbilla, of Italy, saw it 147 to 145; judge Raymond Baldereau, France, voted 147-143; and judge Karl Berteet, Germany, turned in a 147-144 card.

Griffith was vehement in his protest that he had won the fight. He would have won had it ended after the tenth round.

But in the last five rounds Monzon's superior stamina saved the title for him as Emile faded out. It was at this point that Monzon's advantage of four years in age, 30 against 34, saved the championship for the South American.

It was a tough and not a good fight. It was a close fight. But there was no doubt that it had been won by the champion against a fighter who is not likely to get another shot at the title he once held.

For his next fight, tentatively set for Monaco on September 1, Monzon will go back to Jean Claude Bouttier, of France, whom he stopped in 12-rounds in Paris a year ago.



Monzon connects with a hard right that makes Griffith wince.

Emile waves happily to the crowd after the end of the contest which resulted in a unanimous decision in favor of the defending titleholder from Argentina.

Some of the Monzon backers had feared that his having been shot not so long ago would work against him. However, the shooting did not take away enough of Carlos' strength and stamina when he needed those assets the most to help Emile.

There was ample evidence that the man who had to go 15-rounds with Griffith was not the man who had stopped Emile and Bouttier. That Monzon's title will be in danger when he fights Jean Claude again is not considered likely by the experts.

After the Bouttier fight, Carlos may be forced to listen to Jose Napoles, despite the welter champion's disadvantage on the scales. As for Monzon's picking up some poundage and fighting Bob Foster, perish the thought.

The 8,000 spectators who made it possible for the promotion to show a profit after paying Monzon $100,000 and Griffith $45,000, deserved a better fight. There were stages when the bout was not much more than a yawn.

There was no knockdown. There was nothing resembling a knockdown.

Could be that Monzon did not, or could not, train to the limit as he arrived at the weigh-in three pounds over the middleweight limit. He had to run three miles to come in at 159. Griffith had no difficulty making an easy 157.

As the fight ended, the Griffith contingent was certain that Emile had won and started a victory celebration. However, this hurrah quickly was killed off as the scores were announced and Griffith and his entourage realized that they had made a mistake.

"I am shocked," Griffith exclaimed in the aftermath. "He never hurt me. He never struck a threatening blow."

However, Griffith has been fighting in the pro ring since 1958 and has been in 92 fights, with a record of 77-14-1.

Monzon started his pro career in 1963 and shows a record of 82-3-9.

The crowd was strong for Griffith. There was quite a delegation of Argentinians, surprising in view of economic conditions in South America.

Monzon, naturally, liked the decision. He admitted that he was no better than even with Emile after ten heats.

"After that I knew I had him," Carlos continued. "I knew from his punches that he was finished as a real threat and I felt myself coming along stronger."

Monzon sounded discouraged. He even talked about retiring. He barred a fight with Tony Mundine, of Australia.

Bouttier appeared on the same card with Monzon and Griffith. He knocked out an American from New Orleans, Al Phillips, in the fifth round.

Anaya Barely Beats Lara, Olivares, Chacon Also Win, Card Draws Amazing $205,100

By DON FRASER

INGLEWOOD, Calif. – Ruben Olivares once again is Mexico's popular ringmaster, and tough Romeo Anaya remains the bantamweight champion of the world–barely.

After Olivares had entertained the near-capacity crowd of 18,552 at The Forum here with a second-round knockout of Walter Seeley of New York, Anaya and Rogelio Lara battled 15 vigorous rounds. The gate came to a whopping $205,100.

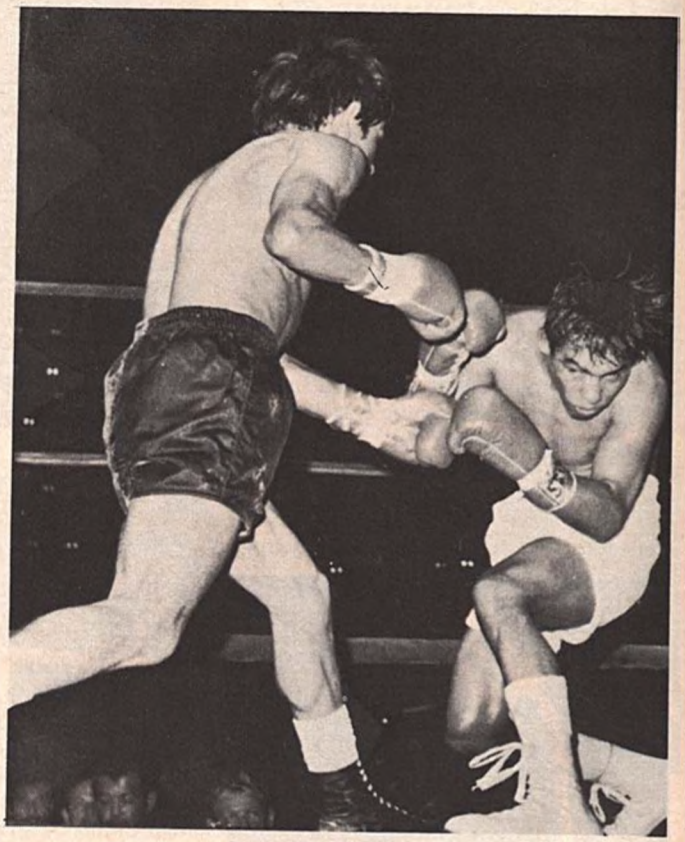
Anaya, rallying resolutely in the last six rounds after falling behind to the superior boxing skill of the challenger, won a split, extremely close decision.

It was a gruelling battle, evenly divided. Lara, faster and sharper, piled up an early lead, then tired and Anaya's strength prevailed the rest of the way.

Collegian Bobby Chacon, the hard-punching kid from Sylmar, did what no other fighter had done in 47 previous fights. Chacon, 126, knocked out Chucho Castillo, 125½, another former bantamweight king trying to move into the featherweight class, at 1:35 of the 10th round.

Chacon, in stretching his unbeaten sting to 19, held the upper hand most of the fight. But, going into the final round, it appeared Castillo, who fought Olivares three times, would retain his record of never having been knocked out.

Anaya (left) bounces a left off the head of challenger Lara during the early going.



Rogelio Lara is almost down on one knee as he tries to duck punches thrown by bantamweight king Romeo Anaya during their 15-round contest for the 118-pound crown at the Inglewood Forum. Anaya captured a split verdict to retain the title.

A devastating right hand put Castillo down for an 8-count and when he arose he was groggy. A barrage sent Castillo down again and then his handlers asked referee Rudy Jordan to stop it.

Olivares lured most of the fans, who contributed richly to the $205,100, and he didn't disappoint his followers. He was a pound heavier than Seeley at 126½, and had a little fat around the middle.

For the first two minutes of the fight he did not throw a punch as he studied the style of his southpaw opponent.

Suddenly, he lashed out with a right, a straight one that snapped Seeley's head back. The tiger who earned the nickname of Mr. Knockout was back in action.

Olivares landed several additional good punches before round one ended, then came out firing in the 2nd. A left hook twisted Seeley's body and he almost went down. When referee Dick Young stepped between them at 1:24 of the 2nd, Seeley

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Herrera KO Of Martinez Currently Fight Of Year

By DON MAJESKI

MONTERREY, Mexico – When it comes time for The Ring to designate its Fight of the Year for 1973, it will, of necessity, give a lot of thought to the battle in which Rafael Herrera recently knocked out Rodolfo Martinez here in the 12th round.

It was to be regretted that this cruel, unrelenting, never-say-die struggle had for its prize nothing better than the WBC version of the bantamweight championship of the world, which belongs officially to Romero Anaya of Mexico.

By beating Martinez, Herrera became the No. 1 contender and Anaya's top challenger for a fight which will break all attendance and money records for bantams in Los Angeles.

They will be talking about Herrera and Martinez down this way for a long time. It was what fight writers call a war. It looked like the fiercest grudge fight in spite of the fact that there was no known bone of contention outside of fistic rivalry.

Herrera, they say here, will beat Anaya and become the true world champion, not merely the choice of an inconsequential group.

There weren't hundreds of international representatives of the media on hand. Thousands didn't cluster in front of their televisions in heated expectation of the outcome and millions may not have been paid into the coffers of closed circuit theatre screenings throughout the world. But for sustained action and non-stop fighting it was one of the most brutal and grueling bouts yet fought.

For the better part of 12 rounds both men stood toe-to-toe and hurled bomb after bomb with neither drawing quarter or seeking a clinch.

Both came in at 117¼.

Herrera spoke of retiring while Martinez asked only for a rematch.

For Rafael, a picture book boxer who'd have made Jim Corbett blush, it was an opportunity to prove what mettle of man he really was. Herrera stood accused of lacking the "killer instinct" innate in most world champs and certainly Mexican ones.

His record was impressive enough–38-5-2–yet there were but 16 knockouts among the victories. It was this compassionate nature, they said, that caused his loss to Pinder last July.

For Rodolfo, things were different. He had the punch–31 KO's in 37 fights attested to this.

In a recent outing he'd been dropped, and threatened to quit–against Yoshio Kojimoto in the LA Forum. The bout also presented an opportunity for Rodolfo to avenge the only loss of his pro career as well as vindicate himself in the eyes of the crowd.

After this bout, things are different. No one ever again will accuse Rafael Herrera of being condolent or Rodolfo Martinez of lacking the will to maul.

Launching a sustained attack in the fourth that seemed to exhaust his entire arsenal, Martinez bombarded Herrera with every punch in the book. It seemed only a matter of time before Herrera would wilt. As Martinez slammed a right uppercut into Rafael's jaw it appeared all was lost. Suddenly, the one-time titleholder from Huascato, Jalisco, fired a desperation left-right-left that dropped Martinez for a five count.

Rodolfo arose unsteadily only to fall prey to an invigorated Herrera's onslaught. A straight right dropped Rodolfo. This time the bell came to his rescue.

Martinez seemed the worse for the wear as they walked out for the tenth but instead of it being the last round it turned out to be the best.

Herrera got off early and backed Martinez to the ropes but Rodolfo fought his way back and they were all even at the ending of this frame.

Herrera charged out for the 11th, determined to set a pace that Martinez couldn't endure. Behind left-right combinations he backed Rodolfo to the ropes but Martinez dug in and fought back. Rafael slammed a left hook and followed with a right uppercut that sent Martinez down for what must surely be the last time.

Rodolfo reached down and pulled himself up at seven and hit Herrera with a left hook. Rafael battered Martinez. He landed everything he had and, finally, dropped him with an uppercut. One would have thought they'd have

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WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 15, 1973

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward, Calif.

1–JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Pa.
2–KEN NORTON, San Diego, Calif.
3–MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY), Cherry Hill, N.J.
4–JERRY QUARRY, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–JIMMY ELLIS, Louisville, Ky.
6–RON LYLE, Denver, Colo.
7–ERNIE TERRELL, Chicago, Ill.
8–FLOYD PATTERSON, New Paltz, N.Y.
9–JOSE ROMAN, Puerto Rico
10–JOE BUGNER, England

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Washington, D.C.

1–PIERRE FOURIE, South Africa
2–JOHN CONTEH, England
3–LEN HUTCHINS, Detroit, Mich.
4–VICTOR GALINDEZ, Argentina
5–DON FULLMER, West Jordan, Utah
6–ANDY KENDALL, Portland, Ore.
7–CHRIS FINNEGAN, England
8–JIMMY DUPREE, Jersey City, N.J.
9–EDDIE JONES, Los Angeles, Calif.
10–TOM BOGS, Denmark

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina

1–TONY MUNDINE, Australia
2–JEAN-CLAUDE BOUTTIER, France
3–EMILE GRIFFITH, New York, N.Y.
4–MIGUEL de OLIVIERA, Brazil
5–BENNIE BRISCOE, Philadelphia, Pa.
6–BUNNY STERLING, England
7–KOICHI WAJIMA, Japan
8–RODRIGO VALDEZ, Colombia
9–JUAN CARLOS DURAN, Italy
10–BILL DOUGLAS, Columbus, Ohio

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico

1–HEDGEMON LEWIS, Detroit, Mich.
2–ROGER MENETREY, France
3–CLYDE GRAY, Canada
4–ANGEL ESPADA, Puerto Rico
5–EDDIE PERKINS, Chicago, Ill.
6–JACK TILLMAN, Mobile, Ala.
7–ROBERT GALLOIS, France
8–ERNIE LOPEZ, Las Vegas, Nev.
9–RONNIE HARRIS, Detroit, Mich.
10–BILLY BACKUS, Syracuse, N.Y.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia

1–BRUNO ARCARI, Italy
2–VICTOR ORTIZ, Puerto Rico
3–CARLOS GIMENEZ, Argentina
4–ROGER ZAMI, France
5–TURK KAMACI, Turkey
6–HECTOR THOMPSON, Australia
7–ALFONSO FRAZER, Panama
8–ROMANO FANALI, Italy
9–CHU CHU MALAVE, New York, N.Y.
10–NICOLINO LOCHE, Argentina

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama

1–ESTEBAN DeJESUS, Puerto Rico
2–RODOLFO GONZALEZ, Long Beach, Calif.
3–KEN BUCHANAN, Scotland
4–JIMMY HEAIR, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–ANTONIO PUDDU, Italy
6–RAY LAMPKIN, Portland, Ore.
7–CHANGO CARMONA, Mexico
8–HUGO GUTIERREZ, Argentina
9–OULD MAKLOUFI, France
10–JOSE FERNANDEZ, Dominican Rep.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan

1–SAMMY GOSS, Trenton, N.J.
2–VICTOR ECHEGARAY, Argentina
3–BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
4–LOTHAR ABEND, Germany
5–LOVE ALLOTEY, Ghana
6–RICARDO ARREDONDO, Mexico
7–ALFREDO MARCANO, Venezuela
8–FRANKIE OTERO, Miami, Fla.
9–MIGUEL RIASCO, Panama
10–WALTER SEELEY, Sayville, N.Y.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1–EDER JOFRE, Brazil
2–JOSE LEGRA, Spain
3–BERT NABALATAN, Philippines
4–BOBBY CHACON, Los Angeles, Calif.
5–DANNY LOPEZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
6–ERNESTO MARCEL, Panama
7–LIONEL HERNANDEZ, Venezuela
8–BOB ALLOTEY, Ghana
9–ARNOLD TAYLOR, South Africa
10–ANTONIO (GITANO) JIMENEZ, Spain

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROMERO ANAYA, Mexico

1–RAFAEL HERRERA, Mexico
2–ENRIQUE PINDER, Panama
3–JOHNNY CLARK, England
4–RODOLFO MARTINEZ, Mexico
5–JOSE CASAS, Argentina
6–DAVE NEEDHAM, England
7–PAUL FERRERI, Australia
8–CHUCHO CASTILLO, Mexico
9–PADDY MAGUIRE, Ireland
10–BENICIO SOSA, Argentina

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
VENICE BORKORSOR, Thailand

1–CHARTCHAI CHIONOI, Thailand
2–BETULIO GONZALEZ, Venezuela
3–ERBITO SALVARRIA, Philippines
4–HENRY NISSEN, Australia
5–MIGUEL CANTO, Mexico
6–FRITZ CHERVET, Switzerland
7–FERMIN GOMEZ, Mexico
8–TONY MORENO, San Antonio, Texas
9–COSTENITO MORALES, Mexico
10–SUSUMU HANAGATA, Japan

JOHN CONTEH FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

PICKING the Fighter of the Month, a distinction which has been of growing significance, was not a sinecure this time.

The Ring Magazine's Selection Committee found itself with no fewer than four candidates. They were:

1. John Conteh, who recently beat Chris Finnegan and now is the champion light heavyweight of Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth.

2. Antonio Cervantes, of Colombia, the junior welter titleholder.

3. Chartchai Chionoi, of Thailand, the WBC champion of the flyweights.

4. Romero Anaya, of Mexico, the bantam titleholder.

The ultimate selection was Conteh, who is only 21 years of age and has been fighting pro for only the third year. His triumph over Finnegan was decisive.

Cervantes was awarded No. 2 rating for the month on the basis of his smashing success over Alfonso Frazer, of Panama, whom he knocked out in five rounds and decked five times, thrice in one round.

The No. 3 rating was voted to Anaya, on the basis of his splendid defense in a 15-round battle with Rodrigo Lara in Los Angeles. The decision was split.

Chionoi got into the debate because he had regained the flyweight title, WBA version, by stopping Switzerland's Fritz Chervet in four rounds.

The Ring does not recognize Chionoi, its official flyweight title going to Venice Borkorsor, of Thailand.

Conteh's solid victory over Finnegan raised him out of the No. 3 in the light heavy ratings to No. 2 contender, under world champion Bob Foster and South Africa's Pierre Fourie. It was very close between Conteh and Fourie, who has to fight some worthwhile light heavies to maintain his place.

Might be a good idea for Conteh and Fourie to have it out.

Behind the four contenders for the Fighter of the Month come two Honorable Mentions, both unknowns.

They are Morris Jackson, of Omaha, who went to London and knocked out Danny McAlinden, and Joe Alexander, of New York, who stopped Jose Luis Garcia in Puerto Rico virtually with one punch.

Examination of the heavyweight class shows some changes pending. But on the basis of recent action, virtually nothing.

Ron Lyle has been moved into No. 6 and Ernie Terrell has dropped a peg to No. 7.

Reshuffles in the light heavy class show Tom Bogs moving out of the middleweight division. Mike Quarry, off his defeat by Bogs, has fallen out of the ratings.

In the middleweight class Max Cohen, stopped in four by Tony Mundine, has tumbled out of the ratings, his place going to Bill Douglas.

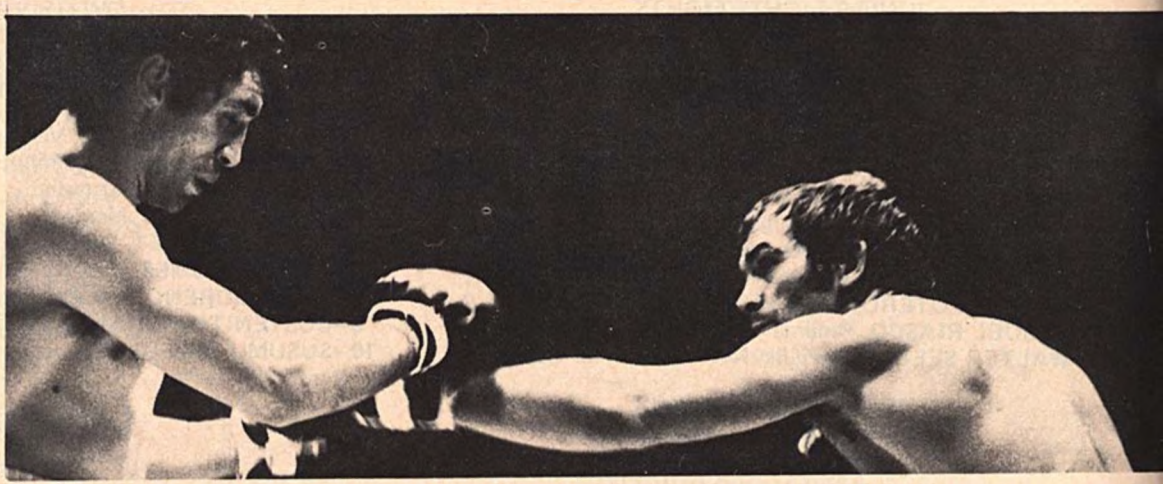
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

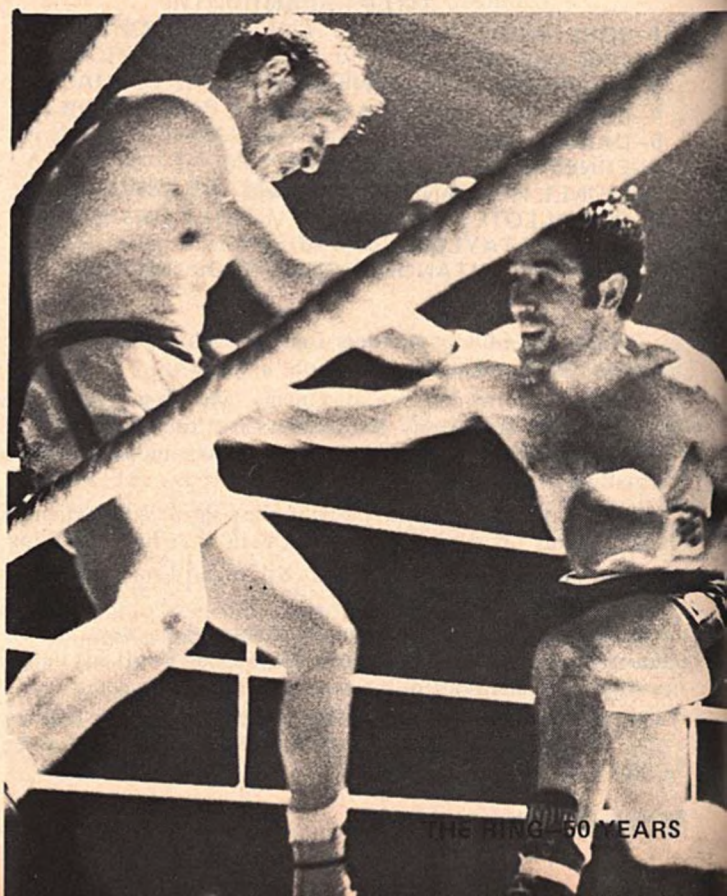
Name	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Morris Jackson, Omaha, Nebr.	5/70	16	14	2	0	11
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Hatmut Sasse, Germany	11/72	9	9	0	0	4
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Mike Baker, Spartanburg, S.C.	3/73	11	11	0	0	8
WELTERWEIGHT						
Dennis Cudney, Buffalo, N.Y.	11/72	5	5	0	0	4
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Paul Colette, Canada	12/72	4	4	0	0	2
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Billy Waith, England	9/70	25	19	3	3	6
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Angelo Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.	3/73	4	4	0	0	1
FLYWEIGHT						
Willie Jensen, Las Vegas, Nev.	3/73	5	5	0	0	4

RING CAMERA CLICKS

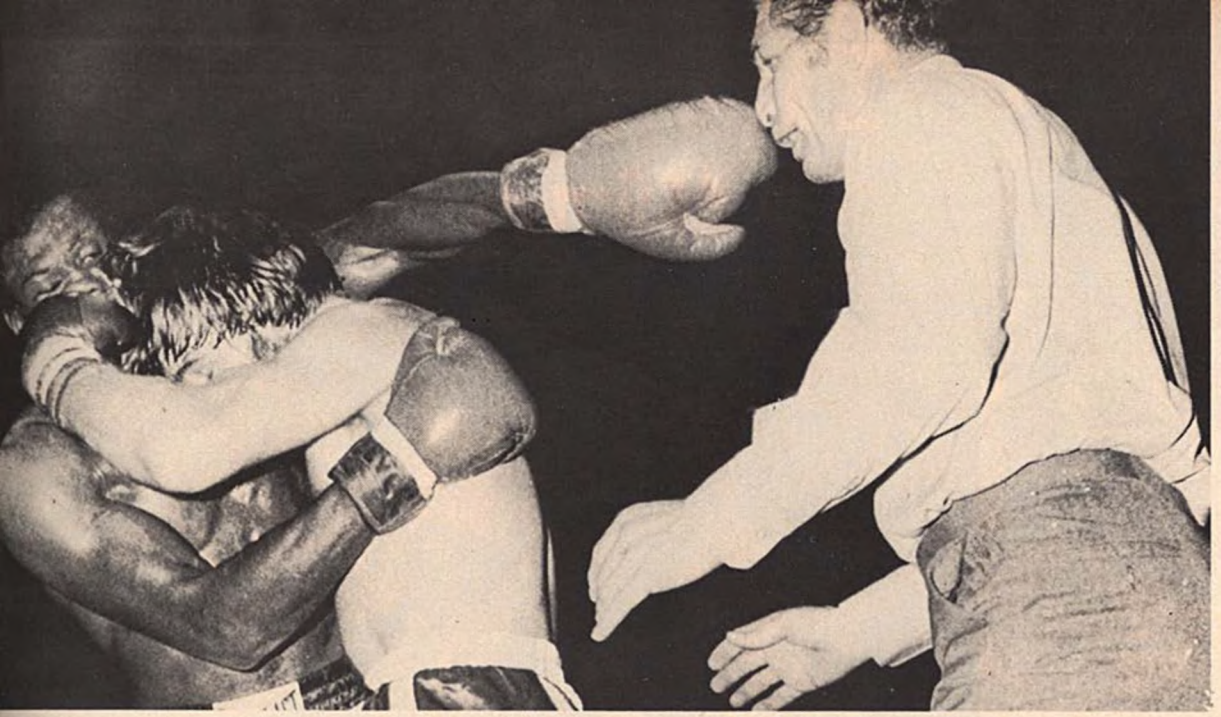
(Above) Heavyweight Duane Bobick happily signs autographs for his admirers after winning his first pro fight in Minneapolis, a one-round KO over Tommy Burns. The former Olympic star has won two more since then.

(Right) Pierre Fourie sends a left to the body of Karl Zurheide during their 10-round bout at Cape Town, South Africa, won by Fourie via the decision route.





(Above) Canadian middleweight Donato Paduano (left) lands a right to the chin of Roscoe Bell of Miami during their bout at Toronto. Paduano captured a 10-round decision. (Right) Italian featherweight Tony Sassarini (right) sends a hard right to the midsection of Sergio Mencarelli. Sassarini received the nod after the 10-round bout at Viareggio, Italy.



Referee Lee Sala is the unlucky recipient of a blow to the nose by Willie Chaney, whose left sailed past the head of John Pinney during a bout in Tampa, Fla.

Ruben Olivares, former bantamweight king now fighting as a featherweight, is about to land a looping left to the head of Walter Seeley during their scheduled 10-rounder in the Inglewood (Calif.) Forum. The bout was stopped, however, at 1:24 of the second round, as Olivares proved too much for his Sayville, N.Y. opponent.

Hal (TNT) Carroll ducks away from Mike Quarry during their 10-round match at the Felt Forum in New York's Madison Square Garden. The contest was called a draw.

The Polises Of Ring Judge, Pa. - She's _ He's Referee

(Above) Mrs. Carol Polis, a boxing judge in Pennsylvania since last February. (Right) Mrs. Polis throws a playful punch at Pa. Governor Milton J. Shapp as hubby Bob beams.

By LESTER BROMBERG

HE'S a licensed referee. She's a judge. Bob Polis and Carol Polis. And they come from what used to be known lightly as the city of brotherly gloves, Philadelphia. Officials should know why they were called that in years past.

As husband and wife, they are a genuine 'first.' He has been playing the third man theme for 18 years. She has been officially a lady-in-the-judge's-chair only since last February.

How can you equate them? They're not Damon and Pythias of Grecian cafe society, they're not Bob and Alice from the movies. They are Bob and Carol and they are close to jab and hook as could be imagined. They talk fights around the clock, they live it as their other life.

For the record, they have become the first husband-and-wife team to be assigned as referee and judge at the same time in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in these United States.

Bob and Carol happen to be the pride of Zach Clayton, chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission. He put Carol in her official seat. . .Some day the perceptive chairman may shock the nation by having them work as referee and judge of the same main bout. But not yet. Give the little girl a hand for a while.

You really don't have to worry about Carol. She's 5-feet-1, weighing 115. She is blonde, delightfully uninhibited in her flow of conversation. She's the mother of four and the stepmother of four more (if you are confused, don't worry, we'll explain all later). Her age is 36 and the commission shouldn't put a lady's name down, just like that. But she doesn't mind.

The other half of the act, Bob, is 6-feet-2½, weighs 216 pounds and is 49 years old. You'll remember his old football coach, Glen Killinger, a former Penn Stater, who coached Polis at West Chester Teachers.

We were talking about Carol. Her home is a five-bedroom Cape Cod house in Fort Washington, Montgomery County. You are likely to be put in a state of confusion if you look for it without good directions.

Anyway, a cleaning woman helps her out two days a week (some people have all the luck) and she manages to be an exceptional cook in between doing volunteer work at a local hospital and scooting around in a red and black sports car. This has been a good year for Carol–she won the car in a lottery.

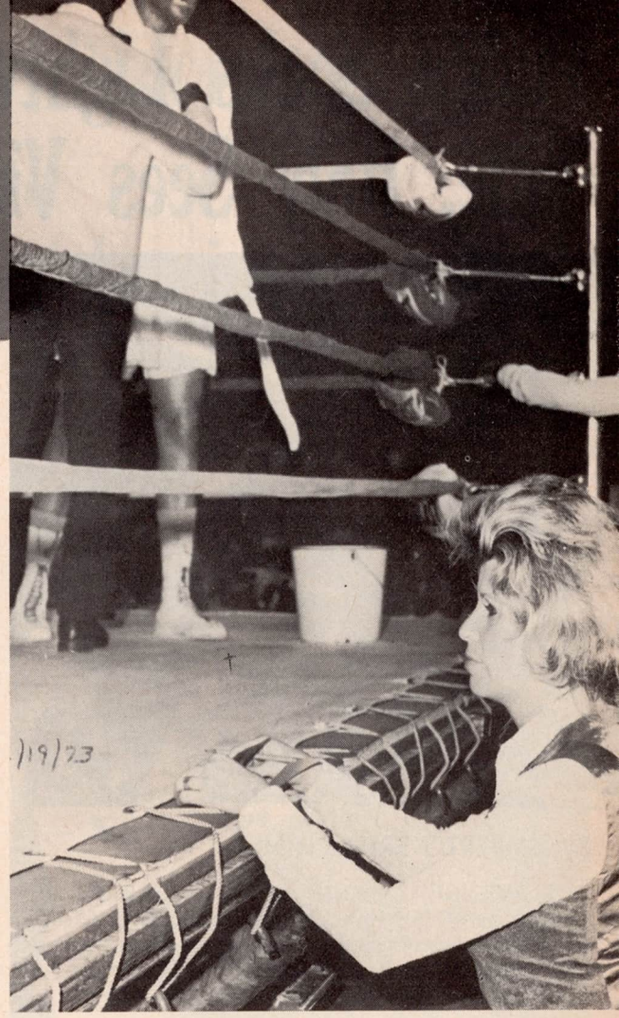
It is inevitable that we clear up things on the family and/or families.

Both have been married before. Carol had two sons and two daughters. Bob had three sons and one daughter. They both were divorced 'way back. When they met at the Jersey shore, it was Kismet, and they are married now for more than two years.

It's a wonderful family hinged together like a breakfast food ad when they sit down together at the dinner table. Just roll 'em. Carol's Carol Paula 6, Marjorie 8, and Kenny 7, and Jimmie 12. Bob's Kathy 8, Andrew 13, John 15, and Jim 18, who recently entered Temple, Ambler Campus, as an art and music major.

Bob owes his enrollment as a referee to the administration of Al Klein, commissioner. He's worked all sorts of fights, including a middleweight championship between titleholder Joey Giardello and Hurricane Carter in 1964.

Carol's entrance into the field is more unique.



(Left) A joining of the clans took place when Bob and Carol were married. Their children from their respective first marriages seem to be taking it in stride and appear to be enjoying the festivities with gusto. (Above) Carol mulls scoring here as we see her at work.

With Bob as a fight fan as well as a referee, Carol regularly attended the matches at Philadelphia. Bob began to instruct her in scoring the fights. "Instead of turning around and looking at the other women and seeing what they were wearing, she keeps her eyes on the fighters," he says. "She wanted to learn."

Carol didn't see why it should be a mystery to her. She had rode, played tennis, swam and went bike-riding and enjoyed horse-racing.

Keeping a scorecard might have continued as an empty exercise. But Commissioner Clayton noted it and asked Carol to write out a more official card and turn it in. Checking the cards of several bouts by other officials and Carol, he said: "I'm with Mrs. Polis on that one, she's as good or better than the men judges."

Shortly thereafter Zach invited her to appear at the office of Gov. Shapp in Harrisburg, where she was sworn in as the first woman judge.

Her first assignment was at the Spectrum and a Philly newspaper wrily passed comment in a news headline. "WOMAN JUDGE IS UNTESTED." Damn those pig male chauvinists. It was a helluva way to explain that her bout was a semi-windup which ended in a first round KO for Ernie Shavers over some Joe Blow.

"I'm glad it was a knockout," she was quoted as saying, "I was a little nervous but now I'm sure of myself."

There was another night at the Spectrum, in which Paul Kallali, the Hungarian jockey, made his first start in the ring. He lost in a lively contest, having been dropped three or four times in four rounds. But he made a rousing rally at the finish.

Carol voted for Paul but was overruled by the other judge and the referee.

"I guess I got carried away with Kallali's spirit," she admitted.

Carol has worked another show and has generally been on the majority side of the voting. "I've settled down," she concluded.

Mr. Polis formerly taught physical education at Norristown High School and coached football, lacrosse and basketball. He left school in 1957 to become a stockbroker. He joined W. E. Smith, a Philly firm, which he represents today, especially well

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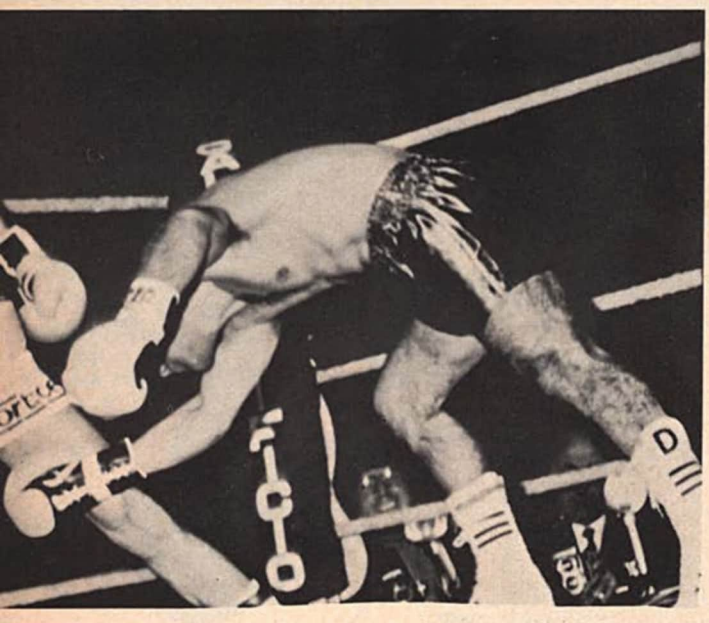
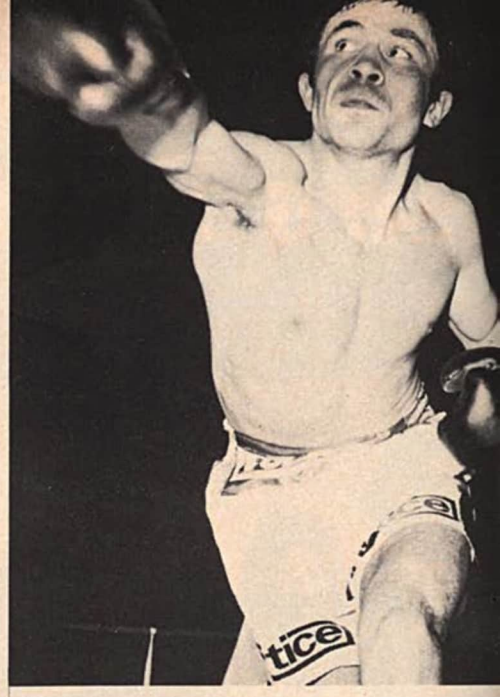
Puddu Seeks Lightweight Title, Italy Sees Victory





(Right) Antonio Puddu uncorks a right which will land hard on the anatomy of an unfortunate opponent. (Left) Dominique Azzaro (black trunks) pitches toward the canvas for the full count in the first round after being belted by Puddu this past April. (Below) Antonio and his pretty wife, Rita, beam at each other.

By UMBERTO BRANCHINI

ROME, Italy – The latest win of Antonio Puddu, a first round KO over French Dominique Azzaro, in defense of the European lightweight title, caused a renewed interest in the No. 2 of Italian boxing. The Italian Boxing Board forbade a title fight with Roberto Duran, because here is recognized only the W.B.C. championship.

The most important journalists proposed a junior welterweight world championship between "Tonino" and Bruno Arcari, holder of the W.B.C. notion of the class crown. Many important tourism centers offered big help for a European voluntary title defense.

Puddu is a real KO puncher, as his record confirms. In 50 pro fights, he has lost only once by cuts. He was held to a draw in Spain against Miguel Velazquez, whom he knocked out in a return bout, and he won 48 times, 35 inside the distance.

The Sardinian is really a junior lightweight. He has to eat a big breakfast before the weigh-in if he wants to hit 133 pounds, but if he jumps the last dinner, his weight is certainly less than 130. His interest, however, for commercial reasons, is in the lightweight division.

As amateur he won the International Military championship in Germany. He turned pro at 21 in 1966. He was really only a little more than a novice, so it was necessary to develop him with prudence.

Tonino is very ambitious and nervous outside of the ring, but a calm puncher inside. He never loses his nerve and always looks where to drive his punches. Somebody says that he has not a great defense, but nobody explains what to do with the gloves – to punch or to block up.

Tonino was a plasterer in the years of his activity as amateur and in his first year as professional. But it was bad work for an athlete and quickly he decided to look for another skill. He was lured by a distillery as a salesman. His employer had the same name of Tonino, exactly the owner and the official name of the firm is Antonio Puddu. But this Puddu was not a sportsman and a few months later fired Tonino.

Without work, Tonino went to night school and obtained the necessary diploma to have the right to aim at a job as policeman. Everything was O.K., but at the moment he was to be named townguard, his size disqualified him.

For compensation, the sports assessor of the region of Sardinia, paid him $10,000, offering gratis his European title defense of September 13, 1972, to the crowd. Puddu beat Enzo Petriglia in the 11th round with a house of 27,000, nobody paying one cent.

The result was big publicity and popularity for the assessor and now he is re-elected and ready to help the local promoters in Cagliari.

Puddu prefers to fight outside, so he has less responsibility and is ready to fight Roberto Duran in Panama, if his Federation gives him permission.

Tonino is married to Rita, a wonderful young girl. They have a boy, Alessandro, born 6 months ago. Until the marriage, Rita was always in the first row ringside with his attractive sister and his brother-in-law, Edmondo Dessi Dubois, an important numismatist. Rita is coming into the boxing world only when Tonino fights.

In Cagliari they have two idols, the soccer Italian No. 1 star Gigi Riva and Tonino Puddu. Time is working for Puddu.

The European champ, who has defended 4 times and disputed 6 continental championships is not a rich man, but he is the owner of a nice house, has an Alfa Romeo car and is not without money in the bank. But he needs Duran's title.

INSIDE THE ROPES *with* *Ruby Goldstein*

AS I look back to almost half a century in boxing I find myself fitting everything into place. When one falls in love with a sport he develops a good memory and can speak about an event as though it had happened recently. Someone once remarked that I had the memory of an elephant. I didn't know how to accept this for if you think about it, just what has an elephant got to remember?

I was fortunate to referee when boxing reached a high peak through the aid of televised bouts every Friday evening as well as on other nights. I often was on the scene in living rooms, bars and restaurants. Naturally many bouts end in a controversial fashion. It is to be expected.

A national figure once stated that when rendering a decision in a high court or in a boxing ring, you just can't please everyone. Fans across the nation get a feeling they know you, would like to talk to you and possibly ask a few questions.

They like to know what makes you tick. Therefore it is understandable that I've served as guest speaker countless times. The people seem to enjoy it, it is good for boxing and good for me.

Nobody knows better than I do that I'm not a college graduate. As a matter of fact, what prevented my going to college was high school. The audience becomes aware of this in less than two minutes. I advise them that I'm not eloquent, thus the greater part of the time is consumed with a question and answer program.

A question often raised is why I was removed from the ring at the end of the tenth round of a 15-round match and another referee, Ray Miller, picked it up from there.

The night they have reference to was June 25, 1952, when the light heavyweight champion, Joey Maxim, defended his title against middleweight champion Ray Robinson. So hold on to your hats and I'll tell you exactly how it happened.

The scene was Yankee Stadium. I've often heard it said that it was the hottest June 25 in more than 90 years. I'm not certain how accurate this was but I can tell you that I've been in steam rooms many times but nothing like this.

The flag in deep centerfield didn't budge. Spectators removed their ties and jackets. The men selling beer and soda were offered five times the actual price. They soon ran out of stock.

I was told that a couple of people in the audience were overcome. It was estimated that at the apron of the ring the temperature was 104 degrees. Under the ring lights it was hotter.

Joey Maxim was an excellent fighter. Very clever, good left hand, and could take a good punch. With these attributes you really have something going for you.

As to Ray Robinson, anything I can say would be superfluous. Ray was in excellent shape. During the year he had regained his middleweight title by beating Randy Turpin, then scored victories over Bobo Olson and Rocky Graziano.

A group of New York writers returning from the Graziano bout asked George Gainford, who handled Ray, "What comes next?" He replied, "He'll fight Maxim for the light heavyweight title."

Exhausted referee Ruby Goldstein is escorted to a dressing room after being relieved of his duties following the tenth round of the Maxim-Robinson steambath at Yankee Stadium on the evening of June 25, 1952.

The reporters said "It doesn't make sense to us." Ray agreed with the press. "And if he should beat Maxim," said a reporter, "What then?"

"We'll go after Marciano," replied George.

"You know what I believe?" Ray said. "I believe this man wants me killed."

48,000 people paid over $400,000 to witness this bout. The pattern of the fight was just about as expected. Maxim, heavier and taller than Robinson, came forward and pursued Ray with

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PUNCH LINES

PETE HERMAN IN BROOKLYN

IT happens often that after a fighter gets to be a champion he can't remember some of the bouts he had back in his early years. Jack Dempsey is one of these.

Anyway, I looked in The Ring Record Book for this year, trying to find Pete Herman's only fight in Brooklyn. He belted a guy named Roy Moore.

This fight is not in Herman's record and I hope you take care of it in next year's Record Book.

I know Herman fought Moore, in the Clermont Rink, because I was on the same card.

I am in retirement here in Jersey, age 76, the second oldest boxer who fought a 20-rounder. The No. 1 20-rounder is Willie Ritchie, who was jobbed out of the lightweight title in London in July, 1914. He beat Freddy Welsh but they gave the decision to Freddy—in 20 rounds.

Kiddie Diamond
Rahway, N.J.

WATERGATE AND BOXING

The Ring occasionally has boosted the idea of having a Federal boxing czar.

If there is no government control of baseball, hockey, basketball and football, why should we have a Washington boss of boxing?

The Watergate scandal shows what would happen to boxing if it came under Federal political control.

I do not want boxing to get into the hands of a political overseer.

Gabe Grande
Washington, D.C.

WHAT'S WITH BOB FOSTER?

I note that Yank Durham has announced purchase of the contract of Bob Foster, world light heavyweight champion. Durham says he acquired Bob some six months ago.

What does Durham plan to do with Foster? He has no competition in his class and he cannot beat a heavyweight.

Durham could not possibly feed Foster into a heavyweight contender. What does The Ring believe Bob will do under his new master?

Tally Craven
Albuquerque, N.M.

Editor's Note — Tally, you have posed a good question. There are some heavies Foster could beat and there are some who could beat Foster. We will ask Durham.

DEMPSEY WENT 15 WITH GIBBONS

I note an error in your answers. You said that Dempsey never went more than ten rounds. What about the Gibbons affair at Shelby?

John Bruen, Sr.
Goshen, N.Y.

Editor's Note — Mr. Bruen, our apologies. The editor who pulled the rock did not list the Gibbons fight as a classic and forgot all about it, and Shelby. Shelby never forgot it. It was one of Jack's lesser achievements.

WANTS FRAZIER VS. ALI

You can write what you like. You can guess what you like. But there is only one match for the promoters to fight over and that is the return battle between Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali.

Foreman murdered Joe. Norton busted Clay's jaw.

But the most interesting match would be Frazier and Cassius. I still want to know who is the better man.

I did not go along with the decision in New York that made Frazier the winner over Ali. I believe that if they were to meet again, Clay would stop Joe.

Foreman and Norton are interesting phenomena at the most interesting stage of heavyweight history. When was there as intriguing a situation as the one we face today?

If Cooke doesn't want Joe and Cassius, let them have it out in Houston.

Harry Revoire,
Galveston, Tex.

KETCHEL KILLER SERVED 24 YEARS

I think that Ring readers will be interested in some details concerning the murder of Stan Ketchel by ranch hand Walter Dipley on October 15, 1910, at Conway, Mo.

Dave Coapman, of Alhambra, Cal., did some research and found that Dipley had escaped execution. He served 24 years in the Missouri State Penitentiary and was released in 1934. He died in 1956 and was buried in the Toquerville Cemetery at St. George, Utah.

Dipley shot Ketchel in a feud over a girl waitress at the ranch named Goldie Smith.

Joe Flannery
Alhambra, Cal.

HALL OF FAME CRITIC

I take issue with your recent edition (April) with the Hall of Fame like the oldtimer's committee! How come the greats such as Bud Taylor, Jack Delaney, Jack McVey, K.O. Phil Kaplan, Dave Shade, Jimmy Slattery, and Pinky Mitchell have not been elected to this Hall?

Bud Taylor from Terre Haute was a terrific bantamweight hitter. Jack Delaney out of Bridgeport, Conn., a deadly right hand hitter, and clever boxer, beat Paul Berlenbach, two out of 3 fights, and Jack McVey of New York surely was a great boxer during "The Golden 20's." He had to box middleweights. The welters like Mickey Walker, Pete Latzo, Willie Harmon and Ted "Kid" Lewis, all ducked McVey!

Seeing Fritzie Zivic in the Boxing Hall of Fame makes one laugh. Fritzie has an older brother Jack, who was only a great lightweight when Leonard, Tendler, Charley White, Ray Mitchell, Alex Hart and Ever Hammer, also Willie Ritchie, were active.

All this reads like that big mouth Cassius Clay being a great like Joe Louis and Max Baer.

Or that contrary Floyd Patterson belongs up there with Battling Siki, Tiger Jack Fox, John Henry Lewis and perhaps, Jack Dillon, as a lightheavy.

"Junior" Thompkins
Orange, N.J.

A MUHAMMAD ALI FAN

This letter is to inform that last night on Channel 2 in the Republic of Panama, I had the privilege of watching the video tape featuring Muhammad Ali-vs-Ken Norton, It was one of the greatest fights I have ever seen in a long time. I believe that the referee and judges gave a very fair decision. I would like to give Ali a bit of credit for his wonderful performance. I don't believe that it could be better. No. 1, for fighting with a broken jaw which we learned that he got early. No. 2, Ali took Norton's best punches. Ali really proved that he has a lot of courage. I do not believe that Ali is over the hill. In the eleventh round Ali almost knocked out Norton. I believe that if Ali had come out boxing for twelve rounds, he could have taken the decision.

Whenever Ali gets into a ring, I am with him win, lose or draw. I still believe Ali is the greatest.

Claude L. Ifill, Jr.
Colon, Panama

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

WITH this issue The Ring enters upon a new enterprise, long considered and finally consummated. In every issue there will be a rating of United States boxers. The Ring will designate national champions, always with notice that world titleholders are not eligible.

Back in 1926, when The Ring was only four years old, the late Nat Fleischer devised a system of rating fighters annually. Out of this soon came monthly ratings.

These have been copied by every boxing publication in the world. How important the ratings are to the sport cannot be appreciated. Just imagine boxing minus the ratings and you will realize what they mean to the sport the world over.

The idea of ranking the fighters of the United States was inspired by the ratings of European and British Empire boxers which appear monthly in this publication. These, too, were first devised by The Ring.

The Ring has entered on its fresh adventure fully aware that it has added heavily to its monthly budget of necessary information.

Rating the boxers of the United States, note, please, that fighters from South and Central America, Mexico and Canada are barred. The field is restricted to the United States, and that includes Puerto Rico, American Virgin Islands and Guam.

The Ring Magazine expects the new feature to increase its incoming mail appreciably.

Its world ratings produce a big percentage of letters, incoming and outgoing, because ratings cannot but be hotly disputed. These debates produce controversy, and controversy is a rich element, world wide, of boxing interest.

According to the introductory United States ratings the national champions are:

Heavyweight, Joe Frazier; light heavyweight, Len Hutchins; middleweight, Emile Griffith; welterweight, Hedgemon Lewis; junior welterweight, Victor Ortiz; lightweight, Esteban DeJesus; junior lightweight, Sammy Goss; featherweight, Bobby Chacon; bantamweight, Francisco Villegas; flyweight, Tony Moreno.

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.

1—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
2—Muhammad Ali, Cherry Hill, N.J.
3—Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Jimmy Ellis, Louisville, Ky.
5—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
6—Ernie Terrell, Chicago, Ill.
7—Floyd Patterson, New Paltz, N.Y.
8—Jose Roman, Puerto Rico
9—Ernie Shavers, Warren, ohio
10—Morris Jackson, Omaha, Nebr.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.

1—Don Fullmer, West Jordan, Utah
2—Andy Kendall, Portland, Ore.
3—Jimmy Dupree, Jersey City, N.J.
4—Eddie Jones, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I.
6—Hal TNT Carroll, Syracuse, N.Y.
7—Mike Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Pat O'Connor, Rochester, Minn.
9—Billy Wagner, Cleveland, Ohio
10—Eddie Duncan, Philadelphia, Pa.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.

1—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Bill Douglas, Columbus, Ohio
3—Jose Gonzalez, Puerto Rico
4—Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
5—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Nate Collins, San Francisco, Calif.
7—Mike Lancaster, Seattle, Wash.
8—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
9—Dave Love, San Diego, Calif.
10—John L. Sullivan, Carson City, Nev.

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.

1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Eddie Perkins, Chicago, Ill.
3—Jack Tillman, Mobile, Ala.
4—Ernie Lopez, Las Vegas, Nev.
5—Ronnie Harris, Detroit, Mich.
6—Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
7—Vernon Mason, Baltimore, Md.
8—Roland Pryor, Washington, D.C.
9—Art Kettles, Asbury Park, N.J.
10—Buddy Boggs, Baltimore, Md.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Victor Ortiz, Puerto Rico

1—Chu Chu Malave, New York, N.Y.
2—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
3—Doc McClendon, Paterson, N.J.
4—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
5—Josue Marquez, Puerto Rico
6—Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
7—Mario Saurennann, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—Chuck Wilburn, Cleveland, Ohio
9—Javier Ayala, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Ray Seales, Seattle, Wash.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico

1—Rodolfo Gonzalez, Long Beach, Calif.
2—Jimmy Heair, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
4—Ruben Navarro, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Calif.
6—Mando Ramos, Long Beach, Calif.
7—Edwin Viruet, New York, N.Y.
8—Jimmy Robertson, San Francisco, Calif.
9—Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.
10—Willie Daniels, Philadelphia, Pa.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J.

1—Frankie Otero, Miami, Fla.
2—Walter Seeley, Sayville, L.I.
3—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
4—Luis Lopez, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Calvin Woodland, Washington, D.C.
6—Hector McBride, Tampa, Fla.
7—Eduardo Santiago, Puerto Rico
8—Ken Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Frankie Crawford, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Leo DiFiore, Portland, Me.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.

1—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Ronnie McGarvey, Hillcrest, Md.
4—Cesar Desisa, San Antonio, Texas
5—Waymon Young, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—Bennie McCall, New Orleans, La.
7—Jose Medrano, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Gary Ferrari, Seattle, Wash.
9—Ray Echavarria, San Jose, Calif.
10—Wilson Yambo, Puerto Rico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico

1—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
2—Johnny Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
3—Tony Rocha, Houston, Texas
4—Ben Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
6—Max Sanchez, Puerto Rico
7—Andres Torres, Puerto Rico
8—Jose Luis Valdovinos, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Eluid Garces, New York, N.Y.
10—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.

FLYWEIGHTS
*Tony Moreno, San Antonio, Texas

1—Arden Peralta, Phoenix, Ariz.
2—Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
3—Jose Zaldivar, Stockton, Calif.
4—Willie Jensen, Las Vegas, Nev.
5—Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
6—Milton Higa, Honolulu, Hawaii
7—Eduardo Correa, Puerto Rico
8—Salvatore Vasquez, Corpus Christi, Tex.
9—Willie Pastrana, Puerto Rico
10—Leroy Krienbrook, Cleveland, Ohio

* CHAMPION

Q & A QUESTIONS ANSWERS

Q. Do you believe Joe Frazier will fight Muhammad Ali again? I think that Joe is through.

Menasseh Goldberg
New York, N.Y.

A. **They probably will meet again and then say goodbye. Cooke doesn't want it and Madison Square Garden does.**

Q. Some time ago Carlos Monzon, the middleweight champion, was shot at Santa Fe, Argentina. Who shot him? What became of the case? I read nothing about the reasons for the shooting.

Derwent Clarke
San Francisco, Cal.

A. **The first report was that Monzon was shot by his wife. Then came a revised account which said that he had been cleaning a gun when he shot himself accidentally. The Ring was satisfied to accept the accident story. He suffered no serious effects.**

Q. When Jack Johnson stopped Jim Jeffries at Reno in 1910, who was the heavyweight champion of the world?

Bart Krieger
Oakland, Cal.

A. **Jeffries, then champion, retired in 1905 and gave up the title. He assigned Hart and Root to the job of setting up a new titleholder, a privilege which did not belong to him. Hart beat Root. In 1906 Burns beat Hart, 20 rounds. In December, 1908, Johnson knocked out Burns in 14 rounds. Thus Johnson was the world heavyweight champion when Jeffries made his comeback in 1910 and was stopped in 15 rounds.**

Q. How many times did Willie Pep fight Sandy Saddler, and what was the final score?

Sam Brettonell
Montreal, Can.

A. **They met four times and Sandy won thrice. Pep won the battle which lasted the 15-round limit.**

Q. What was Gus Ruhlin, a fighter or a wrestler?

Fred Hyland
Staten Island, N.Y.C.

A. **Ruhlin was a heavyweight fighter. However, he had some wrestling skill and engaged in a few mat matches.**

Q. I would like to know about a lightweight named Leach Cross, who was a native of New York. How good was he?

Eli Wallach
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A. **Cross was a hard puncher and a very tough fighter. His real name was Wallach. Leach was a dentist by profession and went back to dentistry after he had quit the ring. He was good. But he never got a title shot.**

Q. We have a lunch club of six fight nuts. None of us saw the Frazier-Ali fight in New York. But we have our opinions and our debates. The club is split on the decision, three to three. The scrap must come to a close and we have decided to abide by the verdict of The Ring. Did the magazine staff vote on the decision favoring Frazier?

Billy Reynolds
San Francisco, Cal.

A. **The staff of The Ring backed up the unanimous decision without a dissenting vote. Frazier beat Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay) definitely. That, we hope, ends your digestion-disturbing squabbles.**

Q. The decision of the French Federation that Emile Griffith was under the stimulus of a drug when he boxed his draw with Max Cohen might hint that there is some drug problem in boxing. Is there one?

Wolf Tone O'Connell
Boston, Mass.

A. **There is no drug problem in boxing. The Ring has investigated this thoroughly insofar as the United States is concerned and has had reports from its representatives all over the world. Griffith had been taking medicine for a cold. The French Federation did Griffith and boxing a disservice on the flimsiest of evidence.**

Q. Is The Ring holding back the inside story of the Monzon shooting? The shooting has been under-played in press and magazines. Who shot him and why?

Vincent Beltramini
Butte, Mont.

A. **The Ring has published all the available date on the shooting. That he was shot by accident while cleaning a gun must be regarded as doubtful. The Ring asked its Buenos Aires representative for the Santa Fe police blotter transcript and was told "not to stick his nose into domestic affairs." Monzon was not hurt badly.**

Q. There are some fine young athletes, admirably built for the ring. Heavyweight boxing offers tremendous financial opportunities. Why haven't football players accepted the challenge?

Harrison Brevard Doyle
Seattle, Wash.

A. **Pro football has become a lucrative business. Pro boxing calls for skills that have to be developed through a long apprenticeship. A football player getting a decent salary, with a long vacation, would be unwise to risk the transition. Wrestling rather than boxing has been the lure for athletes seeking adventure and money outside of the punching industry. However, we look for more transfers within the next two years.**

Q. Please consider this query very carefully. I have a son in fine condition, weighing 220 pounds. He is 22 and a senior in a Western college where he has been a football star for two seasons. He wants to turn fighter and his parents are distressed. Would you advise letting him try the ring? His mother has become sick with worry.

Name withheld by request
Tacoma, Wash.

A. **Take your son to see George Parnassus in Los Angeles. Let Parnassus look him over and talk with him. George can be addressed at The Forum, Inglewood, Calif.**

The Chatter Box

By JOHN ORT

ODDITY OF THE MONTH – Texas heavyweight Terry Sorrels was kayoed twice in one night in Las Vegas recently. It happened like this. Terry was warned by referee Mike Kaplan for hitting low. Angry, Sorrels took a swing at Kaplan, a former middleweight contender. Kaplan then belted the Texas heavyweight on the chin, then declared George (Scrap Iron) Johnson the winner on a disqualification. Kaplan rescinded his decision after a short talk with ringside officials.

The bout continued until Sorrels was counted out after being decked for the third time in round four.

Auckland, New Zealand, was the site of an unusual boxing happening. San Francisco middleweight Jimmy Lester was disqualified for fouling local hero Le Apostropher Avassa, which caused a riot among the 5,000 fans attending the contest. They started to throw bottles and paper containers into the ring.

The referee lost his patience with Lester for holding Avassa and ended the bout. As the riot continued, the preliminary boxers ran out of their dressing rooms to join the brawl. Included was Bobby Jordan, another San Francisco boxer who fought that night. Jordan, who kayoed a local that evening, found that his second bout against a security officer was a mistake on his part.

The guard grabbed him and threw Jordan out of the ring. After the police had restored order, the promoter ended the night's festivities. No charges were brought against anyone.

Former British lightweight champion Eric "Golden Boy" Boon is offering one of his eyes to Dave Crowley, a boxer he defeated 35 years ago, who is going blind. Boon is going to his doctors to find out whether or not his old opponent could use it. Upon hearing of Eric's offer, Crowley remarked "I can't believe it. This is a terrible sacrifice Eric's making." Boon is 52, while Crowley is 63.

OUT OF THE PAST . . . Here's an item from a 1942 Ring Magazine. "From Johannesburg, South Africa, through Reuters News Agency, comes the following story: Italian propaganda backfired recently when a Zulu soldier knocked out Primo Carnera, former heavyweight champion, in a bout staged by the Fascists in Northern Italy to prove the superiority of their race over the African race. News of the event was brought by a comrade of the Zulu, Kay Masaki, who eventually escaped. The Fascists built a special ring and the bout was filmed. The Zulu, who never had had a glove on his hands and knew nothing about boxing, was a huge fellow and strong as an ox. It was figured that if Carnera could stop him, it would be good propaganda. Accordingly the Zulu was starved for three days and entered the ring weak and bewildered. After Carnera had floored him with a right to the jaw, the angry Zulu leaped to his feet, swung from the ground up, and Carnera lay flat on his face, knocked cold."

BOXING QUIZ . . . Who was the last man to defeat former featherweight great Willie Pep, where and when? Answer end of column.

CHATTER . . . Middleweight Glen Morgan, Minneapolis, scored the fastest kayo of the year so far. Glen halted Bobo Wilson in 14 seconds of the first round in Minneapolis . . . Heavyweight king George Foreman is under personal contract to Bob Hope for acting appearances . . . There's a bill before the Wisconsin Legislature to permit boxing on Sundays . . .

Mike Kaplan, the referee who belted Terry Sorrels on the chin after the heavyweight took a swing at him, as he looked years ago when he was a middleweight contender.

England's up-and-coming middleweight Alan Minter is engaged to his manager's daughter, Lorraine Bidwell. Dad's name is Frank . . .

Tony Zale says that Steve Mamakos was the toughest opponent he ever fought. "He could take it all night, but I finally knocked him out in the 14th round and he never was the same." Re Rocky Graziano, he declared, "If I had been his age when we fought, I'd have knocked him out in the first round all three times. I spotted him nearly 10 years and still beat the tar out of him every time." . . . Harry J. Cohen, former Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Athletic Commission, died in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. . . . Notre Dame University's intramural boxing program, called the Bengal Bouts, has raised over $200,000 through the years for foreign missions. This year it went to East Pakistan . . . Angelo Dundee was named advisor and booking consultant for Seattle middleweight Mike Lancaster . . . Mrs. Edna Toppi, widow of longtime Philadelphia promoter Jimmy Toppi, is now licensed to run shows there . . . Los Angeles' Jack Kent Cooke doing well after a mild heart attack . . .

Ohio heavyweight Ernie Shavers is now under contract to Don King, of Cleveland . . . John Fargnoli, of Waterboro, S.C., is promoting in Columbia, S. C. Coliseum. He is being advised by Madison Square Garden assistant matchmaker Duke Stefano . . . The first world amateur boxing championships scheduled to be held in Japan this year have been cancelled. Lack of funds . . . Argentine heavyweight Pedro Lovell is ready for action after having calcium deposits removed from both hands . . . The Florida High School Activities Association, in a near unanimous vote, waived the rule prohibiting boxing by high school athletes . . . New faces invading the East are

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BRITISH BOARD FOLLOWS EBU INTO CAMP OF GROWING WBC

By RON OLVER

LONDON, England – Strange things are happening in boxing on this side of the Atlantic. For example, the British Board of Boxing Control has broken with the WBA and has shifted with the EBU to the WBC.

This lot of mumbo jumbo of capital letters means that the Board will recognize WBC champions and not WBA titleholders unless it happens that the two bodies agree, which would need a miracle.

The Board's action is surprising in the extreme. The WBC has made amazing strides despite the fact that some of its decisions are puzzling in the extreme.

The blow to the WBA may be associated with the upheaval inside the WBA following the election of Bobby Lee, of Hawaii, as president.

The British Board's latest communique follows:

Promoters have already been reminded about the necessity of seeking advice from their accountants as to the need or otherwise to register under the boxing tax system, as in certain cases this may not be necessary. Managers are also advised to seek similar advice on this subject and to make sure that any of their Boxers who come within the scope of this new law are registered.

Promoters and Matchmakers are requested to note that as from now, it will be necessary to apply to the Board on the usual Department of Employment form for a Labor Permit for all Boxers from Commonwealth countries coming to the U.K. to take part in a boxing contest. In other words, the same procedure must now be adopted as is the case with Alien Boxers.

It is not expected that any restriction will be made on the numbers, and they will be treated as before, at least until notice is given otherwise.

The European Boxing Union at their last meeting decided that at all times when Purse Offers are made for Championships of Europe (the regulations stipulate that all such offers must be made in Swiss francs) the rate of the currency shall apply as at the date of the approval of the Purse Offer by the EBU Secretariat.

In the case of agreement between Promoters and Managers where a Purse Offer is not involved, the rate of currency shall be the rate applying at the date of the signing of the contracts.

The European Boxing Union at their recent Congress decided that official recognition would at no time be given to championships purporting to be world championships under the jurisdiction of the World Boxing Association. It follows that any application from a European Champion for an extension of the date by which he must defend a European Championship (as allowed under Article 25) in order to box for a World Championship, will not be considered unless the Championship is recognised by the World Boxing Council, who alone are recognised by the European Boxing Union.

WILLIE PEP TURNS AUTHOR

By WILLIE PEP

I Willie Pep, onetime world featherweight champion, age 51, whose four fights with Sandy Saddler are among the classics of lighter weight fistic history, have become an author.

In conjunction with a writer, I have composed a 250-page book of my boxing reminiscences which I call "Friday's Heroes."

The book features those battles with Saddler, the last of which was fought in September 1951 and produced a nine-round KO defeat for me.

My first encounter with Saddler came in October, 1948, and I was stopped in four rounds.

In September, 1948, I beat Sandy in a 15-round brawl. In September, 1950, Saddler got me in eight and in September, 1951, he disposed of my title hopes in something like half an hour.

Saddler was about as tough and rough a fighter as boxing in the lightweight, feather and bantam classes has produced. I know. There wasn't a trick that Saddler was not master of, and I guess I had a few of my own. Our fights sometimes disregarded all the rules. We went all out.

Out of my book may come a film story of my life. I believe it is worth the seeing on the screen as well as the telling in "Friday's Heroes," which will be on sale in the early Fall.

Right now I am making vigorous efforts to become a Boxing Commissioner in Connecticut, which some time back once again legalized boxing.

My experience as a fighter and referee make me well qualified for a commission job and I hope that our state's governor will listen to me and my sponsors.

I make my home in Weathersfield, Conn., with Mrs. Pep and a four-year-old daughter. I also have a daughter of 27 and a son of 26.

I have been doing public relations work in addition to refereeing fights, among them six world championships in nine years, from Brazil to Toronto.

Both Saddler and I have been hunting for the film of the 15-round battle in which I was the winner. We have not been able to find it.

I believe that the television showing of my fight with Chalky Wright on November 20, 1942, in which I won the featherweight championship, was the first ring affair shown on TV. I got $400 extra for the telecast. I could see that the new gadget was going to develop new sources of revenue for boxers. It certainly has lived up to its promise, and is going on to bigger things through the ABC contract with Madison Square Garden.

The public wants more and more fight TV and will get it.

'' Speaking of Saddler, I see him often. He has a steady job in the Maritime Union gym in New York.

I believe that the time has come to give full credit to my pal, Bill Gore, my old trainer, who deserves to be rated with the greatest in that profession. At the age of 80 he still works. Gore made me.

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

JACK Dempsey headed a great array of fistic celebrities and representatives of other branches of sport at the Lambs Lambaste in honor of Bill Gallo, cartoonist of the N.Y. Daily News and Ring Magazine contributor. It was one of the best.

Tommy Dillon, Shepherd of the Lambs, was a brilliant MC. Surprises were plentiful once the introductions were disposed of.

That master of wit, one of the oldest members of the Lambs Club, Harry Hershfield, was in top form. The diners roared as he reeled off one yarn after another. Several days before the Lambaste, Gallo was chosen successor to Bob Dunn as the new president of the sports cartoonists.

Then came a tremendous surprise, with Dunn giving the life history of the guest of honor. Bob had help from fellow cartoonists, among them Irwin 'Donde' Hassen and Otto 'Little King' Soglow.

M.C. Tommy Dillon entertained with some of his famous Irish songs.

There was a hilarious take-off on Basement Bertha, a Bill Gallo creation, which has become a legend, Charlie Reynolds giving a fine performance. Then there was Jerry Bergen, who faked a drawing of Bill Gallo and then showed his own skills.

Final piece of entertainment was a performance by Steve DePass, who dished out parodies on many of the notables present.

Representing the boxing world, besides Jack Dempsey, were Harry Markson, former President of Madison Square Garden Boxing, and the entire Garden crew, among them new President Teddy Brenner, VP and Press Relations man John F. X. Condon, Assistant Matchmaker Duke Stefano, and Tommy Kenville, Condon's lieutenant. . .From the Boxing Commission, Deputy Commissioner Frank Morris, Secretary Marvin Kohn, Attorney Jim Fuscas, and former feather king and head of the Commission's inspectors, Petey Scalzo. Also Murray Goodman and his son Bob.

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That was quite a get-together at the 68th annual dinner of the Jewish Memorial Hospital at the Waldorf-Astoria, a $100 a plate affair with Director Charles Gellman as the honored guest. . .They don't make them any better than Charley. . .Among diners from the fistic fraternity were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Markson, Ruby Goldstein, president of Ring #8, and wife Mae, Max Kase, founder of B'nai B'rith Sports Lodge and sports editor of the defunct Journal-American, Solly Seeman and his wife Rose, Mickey Shaw and wife Kay, Phil Terranova, Scoop Gallello and former Deputy Commissioner Dan Dowd.

Helping honor Bill Gallo (second from right) at the Lambs Lambaste were (from left) Jack Dempsey, Harry Hershfield and Sam Taub. (Photo by Bob Olen)

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Another great affair was the 8th Anniversary of Ring 34 at Diamond Jim's restaurant, in Matawan, N.J. Ex-champions and others graced the dais of the outfit headed by Syd Peskin, who was a rugged competitor, managed by K.O. Phil Kaplan. It was another terrific get-together with the dais composed of Paul Berlenbach and Lou Salica, Harold Valan, Sammy Venti, Morris Mogelever, Deputy Commissioner, New Jersey State Commission, Paul Kiernan, sheriff of Monmouth County, Jerry Casale, Danny Seme, Mike Delisa and Adrian Bailey. Paul Kiernan is a brother of the late Jack Kiernan, who was managed by Jack 'Doc' Moore, and fought them all including Ben Jeby and Vince Dundee.

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Frank Fullam, of the famous Fullam Brothers, a popular gladiator in his day, has passed away. Frank, who was a pal of Frank Morris, spent his life in the sport, although he also had another business. Frank was a good referee and was the third man in the second Joe Louis-Joe Walcott bout in 1948 and the Joe Louis-Buddy Baer scrap in Madison Square Garden. Later on he was a boxing judge. The former Amateur Athletic Union champion was a Boxing Commission official from 1934 until his retirement in 1969. Fullam was also on the staff of the New York A.C. in the days when Arthur Donovan was also on the staff there. Fullam was 64 years old.

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21-Year-Old Conteh Whips Finnegan And Becomes Britain's No. 1 Light Heavy

By RON OLVER

LONDON, England – Having whipped Chris Finnegan in a 15-round fight, John Conteh now finds himself the light heavyweight champion of Europe, Great Britain and the British Commonwealth. Conteh had the European title before he beat Finnegan.

It appears possible that Conteh now will try to do what Finnegan couldn't, beat Bob Foster, the perennial light heavyweight champion of the world.

At this time the experts believe that Conteh, who has been fighting pro for only three years, would not stand a chance with Foster. Boxing well wishers hope that Conteh is not rushed to his destruction. In the meantime he is the No. 1 contender, whatever that may mean.

John has been beaten just once, by consummate boxer Eddie Duncan, whom nobody wants to fight here or abroad. Duncan won a 10-rounder here.

Conteh is only 21, and has won 19 of his 20 fights.

The gloom among Britain's boxing enthusiasts caused by Dan McAlinden's knockout by unknown American Morris Jackson was dissipated somewhat by Conteh's decision over Finnegan.

There was no knockdown by either man. But Finnegan, who hasn't been the same since his beating by Foster, came close to hitting the deck in the tenth and 13th rounds.

Finnegan had a close call in the tenth when a right uppercut turned his legs into rubber. Conteh just had opened a cut over Finnegan's right eye.

Referee Sid Nathan called it 74¼ to 73¼.

Conteh weighed 168½ and Finnegan 166½.

HARRY LENNY'S MYSTERIOUS PATIENT WAS CRIPPLED FDR

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Wilson–both champions–and Ray Impelletiere, the 6-7½ mastodon who made quite a splash in the heavyweight class during the 1930s.

Ray was called the Imp after he trained down from 255 pounds, at which weight he boxed Tommy Loughran in 1933. The bout was held in the Bronx Coliseum, a building that was transported "bodily" from the Philadelphia Sesquicentennial. In the same arena, professional tennis got its first real start on a cold November night in 1926, with Suzanne Lenglen and Vincent Richards as the star attractions.

Fighting the Imp was one of the countless memorable adventures of Loughran's notable career. Tommy was winning handily through the first four rounds, but was so badly bloodied that referee Pete Hartley stopped the action in the fifth and declared Ray the winner on a TKO.

Brig. Gen. John J. Phelan, chairman of the New York Athletic Commission, overruled the referee. Disregarding Lenny's protests, he ordered the bout resumed. His bleeding barely stanched by manager Joe Smith and trainer Jack Brady, Loughran lasted the 10 rounds and received the decision. In a rematch a year and a half later, he repeated the victory in Philadelphia without untoward incident.

In the 1920s, Lenny also served as matchmaker at two Philadelphia clubs.

Like so many of his contemporaries in boxing, Harry was ever on the lookout for his ship to come in. He thought it was on the horizon in the months following the dropping of the A-bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"I know where I can get a lot of that atom power cheap," he told me.

"We'll all get rich–you, too." he said. Fishing a medicine bottle out of his pocket, he showed me the source. The bottle was filled with a dark brownish liquid.

"How do you get the power out of that?" I asked. "Just pour some out and light a match to it," he answered.

The experiment was tried with a spoonful of the liquid. As it was ignited, a dense black cloud floated up to the ceiling and spread out in all directions. Tiny sparks were shooting out of the flame.

"I have a partner upstate who's a science professor in a small college and he tells me it's the goods," Lenny said.

Where did Harry get it? In the waters of the Schuylkill River, he said. He let me keep the bottle and I took it for analysis to Dr. Ivor Griffith, a famous scientist who was president of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Griffith reported that the sparks came from minute particles of sulphur in the polluted Schuylkill. That was the end of Lenny's dream of riches.

"NOT INTERESTED IN QUARRY," SAYS FOREMAN IN LAS VEGAS

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George and Frazier the psych don't mean a thing. They've been there lots of times."

Sadler is a stout, happy-faced man. Words pour from him like bullets from a machine gun. To debate with him is impossible.

Foreman watches the exchange expressionless. He has barely moved in some ten minutes. It is as if he has willed his body to repose. But he is taking everything in.

A photographer asks to take a picture of George with his shirt off. He complies, posing in a strongman's posture. Muscles in his arms leap to attention. He sits down again.

"I guess I weighed about 225," he says. "My best fighting weight is around 217." (Exactly what he weighed for Frazier).

"What are my plans? I guess everybody's wondering that, people in London, in Paris, in Rome (he does not mention New York where a fight with Jerry Quarry is rumored to be in the works).

Foreman names a few more places where people are wondering about his plans. For one, the Astrodome in Houston. In case the listener has not caught the drift, Sadler adds that "offers for George to fight have been pouring in from all over the world!"

A figure is named. "A million dollars?" says Sadler, insulted. Sadler comments on each one. He turns the conversation around, saying why a fight could be arranged for less than a million. His words, much less his logic, are impossible to follow.

Foreman is saying, "When do I start serious training? I started tonight."

"Who would I say is the leading contender? I would say there are 10 of them. That's how many rated fighters there are in the heavyweight division," Foreman resumed.

"Make that 20," said Sadler.

Foreman told the press he was broke. For his Las Vegas exercise he realized $12,500, some of which was to go to the other fighters.

Putting together everything said by Foreman, Sadler and others, the feeling grows that a return match with Frazier will be the next order of business. Both Foreman and Sadler discount a match with Quarry.

"Let him fight some of those people who put him on his back, first" said Sadler.

"We're not interested in Quarry," says Foreman.

"Weren't you sorry when Ali got beat?" Sadler is asked.

"Sorry? Sorry that he got beat? We were not sorry. He's been around so long. Let some new blood in. Let someone else have a chance at it. Now we got a new face on the scene. Why should we be sorry about that?"

Vito, A Guy Who Loves To Fight

By FRED EISENSTADT

VITO Antuofermo, middleweight, fought and hoped, hoped and fought. He wanted a Big Time fight in New York's Madison Square Garden. Finally, not so long ago, Vito made it. He gave Arthur Kettles a ten-round beating.

The Garden cognoscenti say that Antuofermo has the makings.

Antuofermo would please the fight writers in New York if he changed his fistic monicker. They can't spell it, they can't pronounce it. But they like him.

Built like a small-sized weightlifter, Antuofermo is a boxer-fighter. He has a bit of skill but his forte is aggressive punching. He disdains showing off his fine muscular body, makes no unnecessary movements, displays no fancy footwork. At the start of each round he moves toward his rival tossing punches, shifting from head to body. He neither holds nor backs away. He comes to fight.

"I love to fight," says Vito. "Even without pay, I would fight. In Italy my father was a Golden Gloves boxer. And my older brother Pasquale was a welterweight at the same time I boxed in the amateurs in 1970, when I won the Golden Gloves 147-pound title."

The Antuofermo family came here from Palo de Colle, Italy, four years ago—father, mother, three boys and two girls. Vito, second born, on February 9, 1952, gained a high school diploma in his hometown, but had no schooling here. He lives with his family in Brooklyn and drives a truck.

"My first job here was as a butcher," said the middleweight, who recently turned 21. "Funny thing happened to me there—well, maybe not so funny. I was cutting roast beef on a slicing machine, at the same time looking at the shapely gams of a pretty girl. So I clipped off the tip of my right thumb. On the following evening I won the Golden Gloves welterweight championship."

Vito won 28 amateur bouts, lost one. He turned pro under the management of Tony Carione on November 30, 1971. He is trained by Ray Skarica, assisted by Willie Felice and Mickey LaRosa—both former fighters—at the Queens Gym.

Antuofermo has won 15, boxed one draw, scored seven kayoes. Strangely, Vito's father refuses to attend his son's fights. He is a landscape specialist.

The scrappy young truck driver has gained a sizable following—mostly Italian—who come to cheer their idol. Aside from his job and boxing, Vito plays soccer, is a fair horseman, has a nice singing voice and does some automobile racing. He acquired his muscular body at an early age by chopping wood.

A down-to-earth type, Vito will marry Joan DeCola on August 5. "When I arrived here and saw Joan—she was then only 14," chuckled the scrapper, "I decided to make her my wife, when

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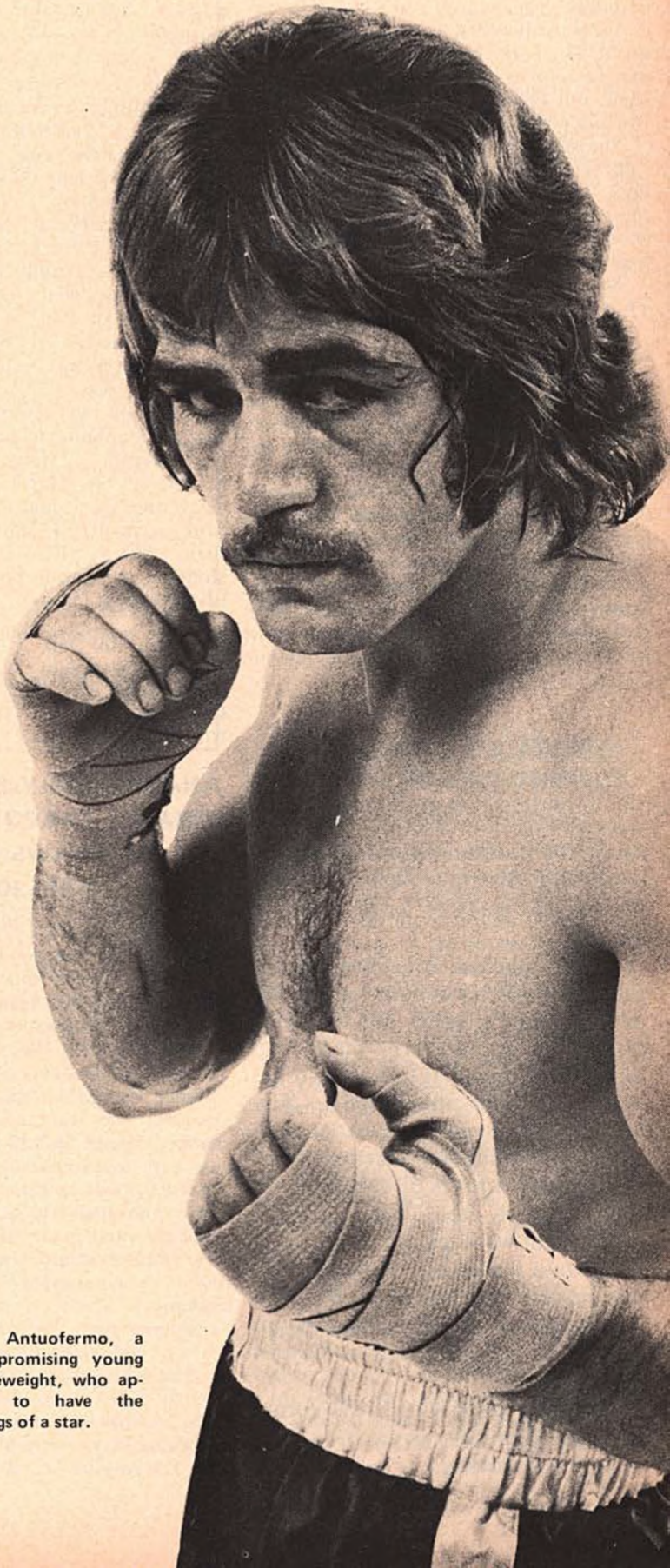

Vito Antuofermo, a very promising young middleweight, who appears to have the makings of a star.

THE POLISES OF PA. - SHE'S RING JUDGE, HE'S REFEREE

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when he phones in orders on a New York local telephone. He's licensed in this field, naturally.

Carol is qualified to stroll the boulevards of stock brokerage herself. She qualified for a license, no mean feat in itself. But then she exercised her prerogative as a woman. She let it lapse.

She still notes how the broods blend. "The kids are getting along so well," she says, "my Marjorie and Bob's Kathy are the same age, 8, and they are especially good friends, they go to Sunday School together."

She talks concernedly of her career as a boxing judge.

"I'm far from perfect but I'm working to improve all the time.

"I read the Pennsylvania Commission rule book carefully and I try to keep myself up to snuff so's I have the answer right if Mr. Clayton fires a question at me.

"I try to keep up with the work of other judges, meaning the men. They are my confreres and my friends, I feel. And I like to learn from them, the likes of such capable men as Earl Vare, Lew Tress, Nick Spano, Joe Sweeney, Bill Hall, Dave Belloff, Nate Lopinson and Jim Brown."

HERRERA KO OF MARTINEZ CURRENTLY FIGHT OF YEAR

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counted a thousand over him at this point but Martinez was saved by the bell and ready to battle it out in the 12th.

Lupe Sanchez, Martinez' manager, had built his reputation as one of the game's great conditioners; one who could turn men into boxers and hone fighters into stone, but this was unbelievable. The tenacity and capacity for punishment he'd instilled in Martinez were taxing one's powers of belief.

How much more could he take? In the 12th we knew.

Herrera pulled out all he had left and hurled it at Martinez. By 0:54 it was clear Rodolfo could take no more and referee Octavio Meyran halted it.

Rodolfo collapsed in his corner while Herrera was carried out of the ring by his idolaters.

THE CHATTER BOX

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Argentine light heavyweight Jorge Ahumada, California middleweight Mike Nixon, Cleveland light heavyweight Billy Wagner, lightweight Ray Lampkin, Portland, Oregon, and Seattle's Ray Seales, junior welterweight . . . Portland, Ore. light heavyweight Sugar Al Boldon's uncle is former heavyweight Bob Baker of Pittsburgh . . . Jackie Kid Berg is alive and well in his native Sussex, England . . .

Ex-welterweight Curtis Reed operates "The Tamala Shop" in Oakland, Calif. He also is a preacher at the Church of God and Christ . . . Pro golfer Danny Lawler giving referee Arthur Mercante lessons. Arthur plays well for a wethead . . . Former Canadian heavyweight king Robert Cleroux is now a wrestling referee . . . Chicago referee Joey White died. He was 63 . . . Gabe Terronez, Fresno, Calif. welterweight of the past, is now a community relations consultant to the governor . . . Harry Thomas, heavyweight of the Thirties and Forties, is recovering from injuries suffered in an auto accident in Marion, Ind. . . . San Juan, Puerto Rico promoter Pedro Montana is bringing boxing back to the Island in great fashion . . .

Answer to Quiz – Washington, D.C. junior lightweight Calvin Woodland outpointed Pep over six rounds in Richmond, Va. on March 16, 1966. Woodland is still active.

ANAYA BARELY BEATS LARA, OLIVARES, CHACON ALSO WIN, CARD DRAWS AMAZING $205,100

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was helplessly sprawled on the ropes.

It was the 64th knockout in 73 fights for the former bantamweight king, but it was his first in more than a year and the first time Seeley, who lost for the third time in 30 fights, ever had been kayoed.

Since weight became a problem for Olivares, the bantamweight title has changed hands almost every time. The way Lara looked in the early rounds, it appeared it was his turn to borrow it.

He punished Anaya, 118, with lefts and rights and made the champion look slow and awkward. In the first seven rounds Anaya missed far more than he landed.

Referee John Thomas voted for Lara, 7-6, but judges Rudy Jordan and Young overruled him, both favoring the champ, 8-6.

In a crowd chaser, Hugo Barazza, 129, Colombia, S.A., outpointed David Sotelo, 130, Los Angeles, in 10 rounds.

MONTREAL AND ONTARIO BAR FOREMAN EXHIBITIONS

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Windsor, Ont.—The official figures given out for the debut of world heavyweight champion, George Foreman, exhibition matches showed that 1,541 fans paid from $5 to $12. The crowd fell short 3,500 for the promoters to break even.

The undercard did nothing to improve the spirits of the fans. Four bouts turned out to be mis-matches. Over four rounds Charlie Stewart (Windsor), 172, stopped Reg Flemming (Cleveland), 195, in the final round in what was billed as a light heavyweight match. Over six rounds.

John Mason (Grand Rapids) lasted four against Aldo Carelli (Toronto).

Gary Broughton (Brantford) was too strong for Sammy Ruckard (Spartonburg, S.C.) and after three knockdowns the fight was halted in the third.

Ernie Shavers stopped Cleveland's Harold Carter in the first.

The Montreal Commission would not permit the Foreman exhibition bouts to take place in Montreal and this was followed by the announcement that the Ontario Athletic Commission also would not grant a license for the bouts to take place in Ontario.

▲**At Verdun,**—Foreman's show drew 1,500. Herman Halpern and Suzanne Larivee were the co-promoters and ended up being stung financially.

The bouts that followed the exhibitions over-shadowed them. Jean Sequin (Hull), 156½, stopped Paul Osborne (Boston), 157, in three.

Kid Totis (Montreal), 147, won a unanimous decision over Jesus Alica (Boston), 150.

Donato Paduano (Montreal), 152½, disposed of one billed as Jose Riviera (Boston), 140½. The farce lasted five rounds, Riviera took five counts before the referee decided that the fans had seen enough.

Marshall Butler (Montreal), 151½, ran his unbeaten streak to fourteen with a ten round K.O. over Roland Pryor (Washington, D.C.), 156¼.

▲**Montreal,**—In an announcement to the press, Dr. Jean LaRoche, head of the Montreal Commission stated that in the future no professional fight cards in Montreal would be permitted which had more than two non-Canadians billed to appear.

SANTIAGO LIMITS LOPEZ' STAY TO FIRST ROUND

By DON MAJESKI

Eduardo Santiago proved that he may well be New York's finest featherweight when he blasted New Hampshire's Jimmy Lopez out in the first of a scheduled 10 rounder at Sunnyside Gardens.

After sparring cautiously for the first minute, the 127¼ pound New Yorker, unleashed a solid left hook to the body and followed with a right cross to the jaw that sent Lopez to the canvas.

Santiago's record now stands at 13-2-1 with 6 KO's while Lopez' dropped to 10-3-1.

In a scheduled 8-round semi-final Luis "Monagillo" (Alter Boy) Rivera, 161, flattened Dominican Jose Anglada, 161, with a chopping right to the jaw at 2:03 of the second.

1973 Golden Gloves champion Domenico Monaco, 135; of Brooklyn, stopped Staten Islander Dave "Slugger" Smith, 131, in the fourth of a scheduled six. Monaco floored his opponent twice before the match was halted.

Santo Domingo's Radames Ventura, 128, outpointed Eddie Rivera, 129; of Brooklyn, in a brawling six.

COOK TELLS POWERS TO GET DRESSED IN THIRD

By JIM DUFFY

West Memphis, Ark.—Wayne Cook, Bastrop, La., scored a third round KO over Famous Powers of Chicago, in a lightweight match.

Bobby Holderfield caught James Word right on the chin with a perfect left hook in 20 seconds of the first round. Holderfield is 6-0. They are bantamweights.

In the first 10 rounder of the card Clyde "Sandman" Brown won a 10 round decision over Charles Atlas. Brown scored with sharp left hooks. Atlas never gave up.

INSIDE THE ROPES

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his long left jab, hoping to get him against the ropes or in a clinch and then take advantage of his extra weight.

I'm sure Robinson was aware of this and his strategy was to brush the left jab away and counter with a volley of blows, but always aiming to stay away from the ropes and out of clinches. Robinson's plan was working well. Not one-sided, by any means.

The heat was getting to me and I guess to Ray as well, for Maxim was starting to come on about round seven. The seventh and eighth rounds were rough for me. The ninth and tenth I remember calling even, mainly because I didn't know who was hitting whom.

As I understand it, during the tenth round, one of the Boxing Commission's doctors whispered to then Commissioner Robert Christenberry suggesting I be relieved of my duties. I wasn't functioning, and it might even prove fatal.

It could have been due to my style of getting around the ring swiftly. I remember one evening when I returned to my corner after a round and Don Dunphy, sitting close by, and telling his electronic audience what was taking place, shouted to me, "Hey Ruby, take it easy, you're making me dizzy."

I learned that I was escorted to the dressing room. A short while later I started to come around. I was told that I received two shots of something. Now I started to remember what had taken place. When one of the doctors asked how I felt, I replied, "badly." (Both doctors still extremely fine, even make house calls.)

I said it's all coming back to me that I called the ninth and tenth rounds even because I didn't know what was going on. I was told not to worry about that. I said, "Why shouldn't I? Supposing one of the fighters deserved the two rounds and this might deprive him of the decision?"

"Forget it," he said, "they carried Robinson out of the ring between the 13th and 14th rounds. The heat really got him. He collapsed and went into a heat-induced delirium."

Of course, I was sorry to hear that, but I also was relieved that my scoring in the ninth and tenth round had no effect on the finish.

After the fight Ray Miller told me that when he received my tally card as I left the ring, the markings for the eighth, ninth and tenth rounds had become so blurred on the sweat-soaked cards that they were illegible.

Had the fight gone the limit it might have caused confusion. Maybe I called those three rounds correctly, after all.

British Boxing Aghast Over KO Of McAlinden

LONDON, England – British heavyweight hopes and plans were demolished when Danny McAlinden was knocked out in the third round by unknown Morris Jackson, an unheralded, unranked, virtually anonymous fighter from the United States–from Omaha, Neb., to be precise, geographically.

Jackson came over to be whipped. But he gave McAlinden an unmerciful trouncing, decking him twice. Morris belted Dan all over the ring.

McAlinden said that he had suffered a recurrence of pains in an arm, which put him on the shelf three months earlier.

Harry Levene, local promoter who has matched McAlinden with Joe Bugner, demanded that McAlinden go before a medical board to determine his fitness for the European title fight with Bugner.

Jack Solomons, McAlinden's manager, said that the title match had been made and was on.

Solomons admitted that some days before the Morrison fight, McAlinden had had pain killer injections in an arm.

Levene said that he was demanding a medical examination in the public interest.

"I WILL BEAT FOREMAN OR QUIT!" SAYS JOE FRAZIER

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Believe me, I can do it. Never doubt me for a minute. Forget Kingston. Floyd Patterson took the title back from Ingemar Johansson, then whipped the Swede again.

Have I abandoned interest in my nightclub act, the Knockouts? No, they still are an interesting activity and investment and will be bigger when they are revamped, with the help of the Brizan Brothers.

But nothing will be done in that direction until I see George again.

I have land investments which, when held for from five to ten years, will show tremendous profits.

But that is in the distance. What lies in front of me is fighting George.

When a beaten heavyweight champion hollers for a return match the objective usually has to do with money.

My case is absolutely different. I honestly am not thinking of the dough. I am thinking how great it would be if I whipped George. Matter of pride? Yes, pride is in the picture.

OLD BROADWAY

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Liked that quote, "Don't knock the American system to me." That was the quote accredited to George Foreman, conqueror of Joe Frazier, in an issue put out by the Nation's Business magazine.

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Manny Seamon, one of our top fistic trainers, who handled the great Benny Leonard for most of his fights and also was with Joe Louis when he was heavyweight king, had a rugged battle of his own but after months of struggle he whipped his opponent – gallbladder. He is 75.

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Former Boxing Commissioner, who was chairman for three of the four years he held his post – Robert K. Christenberry, passed away at the age of 74. Christenberry lost his right hand and wrist while in the Marines during World War II in France in 1918, having joined when he was 16. This fine man, who was appointed Postmaster of New York by President Eisenhower in 1959, also was president of the Broadway Association, a businessmen's organization in New York's Times Square area. Bob ran for Mayor of New York City against Robert Wagner, but was defeated.

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Ring #31, of South Florida, a VBA outfit, is still jubilant over that great affair they held down Miami way. Louis Gran, who has been a fight buff all his life, recently returned from the Southern spot, spoke about the gang. And on top of that we received a copy of the journal thanks to Vice President Isidor Caplin, brother of the late managers, Hymie and Dan. A perusal of the journal will show you where many of our ring greats of yesterday are now spending their days. Their affair was held at the Eden Roc. The honored members were Joe Seiden, one-time scrapper and inspector of the New York Commission, Harry Levy, Danny Danto, Benny Novellino and George Mandot. Among the members are Tom Heeney, the man from "Down Under," who fought Gene Tunney, and Sid Terris, the Galloping Ghost and many more whose names are still remembered for splendid performances.

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New Yorkers saddened at the passing of Eddie Benson. Eddie was the heavyweight champion of the National Guard in the early 30's and met many of our great boxers. Benson died in Los Angeles, where he made his home after quitting New York.

CHICO BEATS PENA IN TEN, MARTINEZ LOSES TO DURANGO

By LUIS GONZALEZ V. (LAGOVEN)

Bogota, Colombia — Reinaldo Chico, lightweight of Cartagena, won over Julio Pena, Bogota, in ten rounds. Francisco Durango, Monteria's featherweight, knocked out Otoniel Martinez, Cartagena, in six. Local bantam Rafael Torres eked out a close win over Avelino Herrera, Cartagena, in four rounds.

In a local decision, Francisco Castro, 125 7/10, Cartagena's boy, and veteran Gilberto Lopez, 122 4/5, Bogota, drew in four.

Luis Martinez, Maicao, 139 4/5, lost to Jose B. Prada, 138¼, Bogota, by TKO in two.

By an injury to his right shoulder, in the third round, Luis Zuniga, lost to the bantam Fernando "Zurdo" Bustos. Zuniga gained the disputed rounds but the lesion impeded the triumph.

J. Bernardo Prada, lightweight of Bogota, beat Eduardo Herrera in the 1:22 of the third by TKO.

Oscar Villareal decisioned in six Jaime Catillo. Both these are welter fighters. Jaime Bastidas, local welter, lost his first bout, with Jose Blanco, Cartagena, getting a decision in four rounds.

"Yata" Durango, feather of Monteria, beat Luis Garcia, Maicao, in two by KO. (2:25). Alvaro Lopez, flyweight of Bogota, knocked out Gustavo Munoz, Medellin at 1:55 in 3rd.

Felix Salgado won in six by decision in a lightweight bout, Isidro Escobar the loser.

Jaime Ricardo, 116 9/10, Cartagena, demolished Gilberto Lopez, 118 9/10, Bogota, in the third by TKO (2:27).

Jesus Cardenas, 137 4/5, Cartagena, lost at 2:59 of the second by technical KO to local Jose Prada, 139.

Alfonso Cobas, 115 1/5, Cartagena, defeated Julio Diaz, 118 3/5, Bogota, in eight rounds. Cobas dominated Diaz in all rounds.

▲**Cali** — Junior welterweight champion of the world, Antonio Cervantes (Kid Pambele), scored a sensational knockout over Benny Huertas at Coliseo del Pueblo. The end came at 2:25 of the first round when the Puerto Rican Huertas, who has now lost seven of his last eight fights, failed to beat referee Luis Sulvaran, Venezuela.

"I've never been hit harder in my whole life," the battered Lane said later.

Cervantes, not disputed over his title. In the opening round, nothing went right for Benny. At the two-minute mark, the champion shot a short left hook, followed by a blurring right cross, exploded almost simultaneously against Huertas' head and down with an upper to the liver. Jacobo Torres, Buenaventura, 124, won in four by decision over Kid Chocolate, 126½.

Sigifredo Moreno, 124, Buenaventura, halted Kid Chuvalo (126), Medellin, in three.

Larry Acosta, 144, Venezuela, stopped Gregorio Arboleda, 144, Colombia, in two. Hernan Torres Prentt, 128, Colombia, won over Orlando Natera, 127, Venezuela, in ten. Alfonso Perez, bronze medal in Munich, stopped Isidro Rondon in second, in lightweight scrap.

▲**Bogota** — Rafael Torres, Bogota, won unanimous decision over the veteran Alfonso Villamil in flyweight class. Francisco Durango, scored upset TKO over Panamian Pedro Moreno, 3, Moreno didn't answer the bell. Alvaro Lopez, Colombian flyweight, scored a TKO, 7, over Luis Guerrero, Panama.

▲**Barranquilla** — The new sensational fighter of Colombia, Emiliano Villa, lightweight, probably the most clever boxer native in this country, left-hooked Rafael Donado into a coma in three rounds at "Humberto Perea" Coliseum.

Donado, roly-poly at 135, went into the ring with a record of six wins, two losses and 1 draw—and the proud boast: "I've never been knocked out, or even knocked off my feet."

The bull-necked Emiliano Villa, 135, abruptly ended that claim when he zeroed in with a left hook that put Rafael in deep-freeze. The referee went through the motions of tolling off the seconds, completed his 10-count. The young Villa, 20 years old, has had one obsession: win a world championship for his native Colombia.

On the same card, Jaime Amaya, lost to Nestor "Baba" Jimenez, the Colombian bantam title, in twelve rounds, in a regular bout.

Armando Perez, decisioned in ten, the feather Alfredo Pitalua. Pituala dropped in the 8. Eduardo Barragan, another Colombian prospect in the bantam class, knocked out Miguel Ibanez in the third.

▲**Lorica** — Featherweights — Alirio Acuna Gon, Venezuela, kayoed Carlos Avila, Colombia, 3. Bantamweights — Nestor "Morrocoyo" Herrera, stopped Jose Almanza in five.

▲**Cartagena** — The new champion of the welters is Adalberto Vanegas. Vanegas dethroned Betulio "Ruffo". Bruges in 12 rounds. The decision was fair.

Lorenzo Torres, Bayunca's bantam, kayoed Manuel Vargas, Cartagena, at 1:59 of the first.

Jose Vasquez stopped Raul Miranda, 2 (1:12) in welter class. On same card, Bonifacio Avila made it two in a row, winning KO 5 (2:40) over Jorge Avila in a good match.

Ruben "Panterita" Valdez, bantam of Colombia, beat Pedro Moreno, Panama. The Panamian lost his second fight in same conditions in only eight days, and did not respond to the bell. The Commission retained the money of the loser.

Markson Inducted Into Garden Hall Of Fame

HARRY Markson, who had retired, at 67, from the office of Director of Boxing in Madison Square Garden after a notable connection of 40 years, recently was inducted into the arena's Hall of Fame with some 200 friends present.

Markson was the third boxing promoter honored by the Garden, the other two being Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs.

Markson was No. 90 on the list of Garden Hall of Famers. His citation reads as follows:

"HARRY MARKSON: Above all others, he dedicated himself to maintaining boxing at its highest level of integrity and quality. He set every conceivable record during forty years at the Garden while promoting over 2,000 fights including the Joe Frazier-Muhammad Ali world heavyweight title bout March 8, 1971, which established an all-time gross income high for an indoor event and a Garden attendance mark. Pioneered breaking down of barriers opening doors to equality for black newspapermen. President of Madison Square Garden Boxing, Inc., 1968-1973."

OBED MAKES IT 29 IN ● ROW, BEATING ROY GOSS ●

By CHRIS MALAKIUS

Nassau, Bahamas — Elisha Obed, 148, welterweight champion of the Bahamas, and the best young fighter on the local scene, won his 29th consecutive fight with a unanimous 10-round decision over Roy Goss, 149, from Kingston, Jamaica.

Before a capacity crowd at the Nassau Stadium, Referee Jimmy Ellis, rated heavyweight, scored it 7-2-1. Judge Ken McDeigan also had it 7-2-1 and judge Al Butler saw it 8-1-1. All in favor of Obed.

So far this year, Obed has disposed of Sandy Torres of Puerto Rico, Terry Haywood of Canada and Al Cook of New Jersey, all within the distance.

In the semi-final, Cleveland Williams, 148, Nassau, won over Don Frazer, 147, Jamaica, in 8.

Otis Clay, 136, Nassau, defeated Kid Cruz, 134, Jamaica, in 4. Kid Barr, 141, Nassau, won over Al Moss, 142, Nassau.

CASSIDY, NOW LIGHT HEAVY, ●STOPS HICKS AT SCRANTON●

By JIM LEO

Scranton, Pa. — Long Island light heavy Bobby Cassidy scored a 9th round TKO over Ithaca's Tommy Hicks, in the scheduled ten round feature presented by the Friends of Boxing before a gathering of 3,400 who paid $16,700. Proceeds of the show went to the Little Sisters of the Poor and the Maloney Home Fund Drive.

Cassidy, 175½, getting new life in the light heavy division staggered his foe in the 9th and Referee Woehrle halted the scrap as Cassidy kept up a steady bombardment. Hicks scaled 173½.

In a companion 10 rounder, Binghamton, N.Y.'s Tommy Kost, 195, copped a hard earned unanimous decision win over New England leader Cliff McDonald, 208. Neither fighter let up from the opening bell, and they received a standing ovation.

Rochelle Norris, 204, Atlantic City, N.J. halted Paul Simonetti, 224, Dunmore, Pa., in the first.

Roy Ingram, 167, Philadelphia, gained a decision over Richie McAndrew, 165, Scranton, in a six.

George Reilly, 138, Luzerne, Pa., and Kevin Dorion, 140, of Boston battled to a four round draw.

Larry Holmes, 202, Easton, stopped Art Savage, 209, Philly, in round three. ▲

▲Syracuse light heavyweight William Wilson managed by Billy Harris scored two wins over the month at Buffalo, N.Y. Willie stopped John Mason, of Grand Rapids, in round two, and gained a decision over Angel Merced out of N.Y. in a six rounder.

▲At Buffalo, heavyweight champion George Foreman headlined a boxing show presented by Roy Gill. Foreman boxed two round exhibition bouts with Bossman Jones, Lonnie Bennett, and Terry Hinke. The affair attracted a small gathering of 1,200 who contributed $5,500.

In the eight round feature Rocky Cudney, 154½, stopped Ivelaw Eastman, 152, N.Y. in round six. Cudney floored Eastman three times prompting the halt.

In a six rounder, Alan (Ponytail) Kemp, 160½, of Buffalo, stopped Joey Blair, 156, Akron, in the sixth of a slam bang affair that saw both battlers hit the deck.

Don Rucker, 165, Buffalo, scored a six round decision win over Jimmie Owens, 160, Detroit.

Willie Wilson, 170, Syracuse, handed a loss to Angel Merced, 178, N.Y. in a six-rounder.

Eddie Nieman, 140, Buffalo, split decisioned Julie Mandell, 139, Toronto. Four rounds.

CHIONOI TAKES FLYWEIGHT ● TITLE (WBA) FROM SWISS ●

By CULLY FRAYNE

Bangkok, Thailand — The flyweight championship of the world now has the distinction of having three claimants. The official one is Venice Borkorsor, of Thailand, who is supported by The Ring Magazine on just claims.

The WBA champion again is Chartchai Chionoi, of Thailand who recently scored a fifth round TKO over Fritz Chervet, of Switzerland.

The WBC has its own version of the titleholder.

Borkorsor beat Erbito Salvarria, of the Philippines, in 15 rounds here.

Salvarria had taken the title from Chartchai.

Chionoi reasserted himself as a topnotch flyweight when he disposed of Switzerland's Chervet in the fifth round, on a TKO.

The fight had to be stopped because Chionoi had opened up a two-inch cut over the European's left eyebrow.

The fourth round really was the fatal one for Chervet as the Thai cut loose with his entire arsenal. The official doctor ordered the stoppage in the fifth round and Col. Jack Sullivan, of the U.S., the referee, was ready for the word, with the announcement that it was a fifth round KO.

Winning the flyweight championship or a version thereof has become a habit with Chionoi.

He won the title in 1966, from Walter McGowan, of Scotland, in nine rounds.

Chartchai lost the title to Efren Torres in Mexico City three years later.

The Thai beat Torres in March, 1970, 15 rounds to a decision.

Two months later, Chartchai lost the title in two rounds to Salvarria.

FOURIE OVER VELENSEK IN ● 10-ROUNDER AT JOBURG ●

By ED CLARK

Johannesburg, South Africa — The most prominent fight in South Africa recently was the ten-rounder between Pierre Fouri, light heavy, and Connie Velensek, of Germany.

It was not a very interesting fight as the import could not cope with Pierre on anything like even terms. It was not a victory to make a big impression on fight critics.

It would appear that Fourie will have to go to London to find out how good he is. Recent results:

▲**At Durban** — Natal featherweight champion Blakeny Matthews who just returned from Australia and handed dual national titleholder Anthony Morodi a 10 round beating at Curries Fountain. It was a clear cut decision as Matthews crowded his opponent with a non-stop two-handed attack.

His speed made Morodi look very much a veteran. Morodi's experience stood him in good stead but it was all Matthews in the latter rounds and the decision was a mere formality.

Maxwell Malinga beat Cecil Kekana who was disqualified for biting in the seventh of a welterweight fight.

Abraham Sibeko KO'ed Phutuma Kuboni, 3, light-heavyweights; Wally van der Haer outscored Rocky Mabaso, 6, lightweights; Sphiwe Bhengu TKO'ed Jerry Gueme, 1, bantams.

▲Boxing returned to Durban's West Ridge Tennis Stadium with two national champs on the bill. Lightweight champion Andries Steyn scored an undisputed 8 round decision over hard punching Dirk van der Westhuizen. Steyn boxed coolly against K.O. specialist van der Westhuizen and as the fight progressed he connected accurately with lefts, right uppercuts and hooks.

Van der Westhuizen caused Steyn's left eye to partly close and put up a creditable display.

Middleweight champion Dominic Germishuys nearly came unstuck against shorter and stocky Peet Viljoen. Viljoen bored in to the attack and although handicapped in height gave the titleholder a fright and a busy evening. Germishuys used his left jab to advantage and this gained him the points to win a close decision.

Spider Kelly, former welter champion, stopped Chris du Plessis in the fifth round. Du Plessis' face was a mask of blood and he was sent to the canvas twice before the closure.

Johnny Contemessa won a points decision over Neels Brummer, 6, lightweights, Jimmy Carroll KO'ed Naas Labuschagne, 1, lightweight; Kosie Wiese decisioned Fred Ludick, 4, middleweights.

▲**Johannesburg** — Nearly 8,000 fans packed the Ellis Park Tennis Stadium to see the Jimmy Richards and Kosie Smith clash. It was a flop. Richards was sluggish in the fight and found Smith to be a difficult target. Wild swinging Smith, bent on scoring a KO was warned six times during the fight for low blows but he did score well with clean and heavy punches. Richards excelled with the thumping uppercuts to Smith's jaw but Kosie is rock hard. The fight was marred by holding.

Arnold Taylor, dual bantam and featherweight champion turned in a sparkling display to outscore Scotland's Jimmy Bell over 10 rounds in a fight in the featherweight division. Taylor, using right hand counters, won 8 of the 10 rounds. The fourth and tenth rounds Taylor turned on the pressure but Bell was game though outclassed. Taylor was given a spontaneous demonstration.

It was sweet revenge for Gielie Buitendag for he KO'ed Pat McCormack of Ireland in the fourth round of a welter clash. Five dynamite-laden punches thudded against the Irishman and he slid to the canvas and was only revived by an ice-pack and left on unsteady legs. McCormack was down for "8" in the second via a left hook and short right. Buitendag continued and with a flurry of punches had McCormack reeling. Buitendag was hit in the solar plexus but kept on the attack. A left hook and a right on the jaw were the final punches.

Harry Barbaris KO'ed Dirk Steyn, 1, lightweights; Gert Craemer outscored Andre Nel, 6, welterweights.

▲**Vereeniging** — The fighting Borias brothers pulled off a double at the Sharpeville Communal Hall, both winning in grand style. Welter Richard punished Mike Ramagole to win over 8 rounds and baby brother Gideon, also known as Toughie stopped Andries Mthembu in 4 of a lightweight clash.

Richard was merciless and deadly as in the last round he staggered his opponent with crushing lefts and rights. He was too cagey in the earlier rounds and would jab then tie up his opponent and slam in his right cross with ease. Left hooks to the mid-section and hard rights to Ramagole's head had Ramagole in trouble but Ramagole scored with a good right. Borias dominated the fight and Ramagole was on the retreat as the rounds passed by.

Gideon punished Mthembu with a variety of blows and was too speedy for his opponent. A short right felled Mthembu in the third but he fought back. A flurry of deadly blows wore Mthembu down and a solid left hook sent Mthembu to the canvas KO'ed in one minute 35 seconds of the fourth.

Middleweight Zulu Kid Passes Away At Age 78

THE Zulu Kid is dead. Let it be explained that there were two Zulu Kids, one of whom, a onetime flyweight, who fought Jimmy Wilde, still is alive. The dead Zulu Kid was a middleweight, who met Harry Greb four times.

The dead Zulu Kid was Michael Flammia and he passed away recently in his home at College Point, Queens, N.Y., at the age of 78.

Of the four meetings with Greb, the Zulu Kid lost one in 13 rounds, had one exhibition with Harry, and two no-decision affairs.

The Flammias insist that Mike never was knocked down or out.

LYLE AND BOBICK SCORE, ● RON IN 10, DUANE BY KO ●

By MIKE HAYES

Denver, Col. — Ron Lyle and Olympian Duane Bobick racked up convincing victories, but they did it in opposite fashion in the Coliseum.

Lyle scored his 21st victory, against only one reversal, by Jerry Quarry, when he belted out a unanimous 10-round decision win over Argentina's Gregorio Peralta, who is now 91-9-8.

Bobick, loser in the Olympic Games in Munich, made it three in a row since he turned pro when he won a fifth-round TKO victory over Jim Williams, of Omaha.

Denver's Larry Bonds, winner of the 1970 and 1973 National Golden Gloves championships, won his pro debut with a four-round decision over Andy Sanchez, of San Antonio.

Lyle, whose only loss was a 12-round decision to veteran Quarry last February 9 in Madison Square Garden, displayed an excellent left jab and put on his finest boxing exhibition of his two-year career. His power was evident in the fifth round as he nearly achieved what only one boxer (Willie Pastrano) had done in Peralta's 108-bout career, a KO.

Scoring with a left hook that destroyed Larry Middleton last December, Lyle sent Peralta staggering into the ropes in the final seconds of the fifth frame.

Peralta's tremendous conditioning enabled him to avoid Lyle until the ninth and tenth rounds when the Denver slugger caught him against the ropes. Though bleeding from the nose and a cut on the side of the right eye, Peralta managed to hang on for the distance.

Lyle, now 21-1 with 17 KO's, received the following points: 49-45 by judge Danny Loos; 48-43 by judge Ray Keech; and 48-45 by referee Joe Ullmer.

Lyle weighed in at 214 pounds, while Peralta tipped the scales at 195.

Bobick, winner of more national and international titles than any other recent amateur heavyweight, notched his third straight victory since turning pro February 1 with Denver businessman Bill Daniels.

Bobick, weighing 207¼, was forced to play a pushing game with the huge (254½) Williams, the former three-time Marine champion. Bobick resorted to an inside fight, constantly attacking Williams in the midsection. The contest ended in a TKO verdict at 1:15 of the fifth round when Williams' corner threw in the towel while their man was taking a beating on the ropes.

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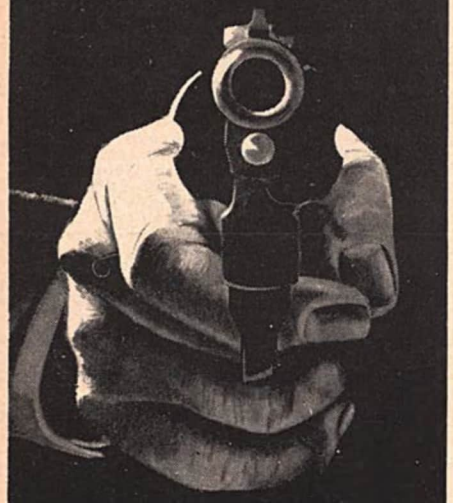

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By SIMON BRONENBERG AND ALFREDO PORZIO

Buenos Aires, Argentina — There has been talk, emanating from New York, that Oscar Bonavena is ready to return to action, against one of the top rated heavies. There is no such talk here. Argentine results:

▲**Buenos Aires** — Light heavy Raul Loyola beat Ramon Cerrezuela on points at Luna Park.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — Middleweight Juan "Yanny" Garcia beat Rafael Lascano (Uruguay) on points in 10.

▲**Vicuna Mackaa** — Bantam Carlos Cordoba whipped Marcos Urquiza by decision in 10.

▲**Pergamino** — Welter Oscar Raymond outpointed Cesar Maero in 10.

▲**Rio Curato** — Lightweight Jose Gomez beat Carlos Martinez in 10.

▲**Villa Mercedes** — In the junior middle class Ernesto Pizarro beat Ramon Feldman on points in 10.

▲**Pehuajo** — Junior welter Rafael "Cacharro" Gonzalez beat Ramon Benitez by a K.O. in first round.

▲**Neuquen** — Welter Miguel Yanez outpointed Jorge Imaz in 10 rounds.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia** — Junior welter Juanito Sanchez beat Ruben "Chingolo" Martinez in 10.

▲**Tandil** — Graciano Pintore kayoed Raul F. Ariza in third round. They are feathers.

▲**Las Rosas** — In the welter division undefeated Daniel Gonzalez kayoed Americo Arrica in third round.

▲**Rio Tercero** — Lightweight Jose Fillipi kayoed America Munoz in 6th.

▲**Concordia** — Middleweight Juan Carlos Bogado outpointed Juan Santos Paz in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — At Luna Park, undefeated middleweight Hugo Saavedra kayoed Julio Calvetti in five rounds.

▲**Bahia Blanca** — Argentine feather champion Oscar "Cachin" Mendez outpointed Abel Almaraz in 10. (Non title)

▲**Parana** — Feather Hugo Bidyeran beat Manuel Salcedo by points in 10.

▲**Tres Arroyos** — In the lightweight division Miguel A. Gutierrez kayoed Tito Soria in second round.

▲**Tucuman** — Orlando Miranda and Carlos Villalba drew in 10. They are welters.

▲**Mendoza** — In the welter division Argentine champion Carlos Maria Gimenez kayoed Juan Alberto Aranda, ex-Argentine champion, in third round. (Non title) **Lights** — Miguel Maldonado and Domingo Bennessi drew in 8.

▲**Curuzu Cuatia** — Middleweight Osvaldo Escauriza kayoed Raul Fleitas in six.

▲**Salta** — Junior middle Jorge Moreno whipped Roberto Almiron in 10; Hugo Tujillo beat Ernesto Pizarro by disqualification in third round and in the welter class Hugo Ibarra whipped Catalino Sosa in 8.

▲**Rio Tercero** — In the welter class Luis Dominguez whipped Eugenio Lazzari in 6.

▲**Huinca Renanco** — Lightweight Carlos H. Bustos kayoed Francisco Bilanzona in seventh.

▲**Villaguay** — Lightweight Hector Uviedo kayoed Jorge Aragon in seventh.

▲**San Carlos de Bariloche** — Flyweight Carlos Laciar kayoed Tito Pereyra in third round.

▲**San Clemente de Tuyu** — In the lightheavy class Guillermo Aguirrezabala kayoed Mario Gonzalez in seventh round.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Argentine and South America champion Victor Galindez beat Juan Aguilar for the Argentine title and retained his crown.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Lightweight Juan Domingo Corradi beat Manuel Lopez on points in 10. Corradi hit the canvas for 8 in third round and Lopez stayed undefeated.

▲**Salta** — Lightheavy Roberto Aguilar lost to Simeon Gallardo in 10. **Middles** — Armando Vicente kayoed Armando Garcia in fourth round.

▲**Villa Mercedes** — In the welter division Oscar Quevedo kayoed Daniel Deigado in five.

▲**Rio Tercero** — Lightweight Julian Diaz kayoed Daniel Sosa in second round.

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▲**Cordoba** — Argentine lightweight champion Hugo Gutierrez outpointed Nicolas Arkuszyn in 10. (Non title) Lightweight Ramon Moreyra whipped Oscar Arbelo in 6. Middleweight Ramon Obregon won over Miguel Pedernera in 6.

▲**Choel Choel** — Welter Humberto Guzman outpointed Horacio Gonzalez in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Undefeated Daniel Gonzalez whipped Jose Baquero, from Uruguay, in 10 and Mario "Hammer" Miranda, also undefeated, beat Hector Pace on points in 10.

▲**Parana** — In the welter class Eduardo Galvan and Francisco Fernandez drew in 10.

▲**San Clemente de Tuyu** — In the junior middle division Juan Carlos Luduena kayoed Roberto Rizziardi in fourth round.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Junior middle Juan "Yanny" Garcia whipped Ruben "Chingolo" Martinez in 10.

▲**Cordoba** — In the welter division Ruben Morfino kayoed Americo Manino in 8th round.

▲**Mendoza** — In the junior light division Pedro Aguero and Julio Campagna drew in 10.

▲**San Rafael** — Oscar Piton beat Vicente Holgado in 10. Welters.

▲**Vicuna Mackena** — Welter Francisco Lopez beat Hugo Ibarra on points in 10 rounds.

▲**Cordoba** — In the welter division Ramon Perez kayoed Juan C. Barrios in second round. **Flyweight** — Raul Perez and Jose Arias, drew in 8.

▲**Tucuman** — Middleweight Argentine champion Antonio Aguilar and Orlando Nasul — referee stopped fight in 8th round.

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By SCOOP GALLELLO

Eddie Benson. . .heavyweight champion of the National Guard in the early 1930's, recently passed away in Los Angeles. He boxed Lou Campola, Jack De Mave, and James J. Braddock. His wife and only son, a detective in the Los Angeles Police Dept., pre-deceased him.

Mark Conn. . .noted boxing referee from Belle Harbor, N.Y., has retired after 30 years of service with the Board of Education, where he was director of recreation for all the school community centers in the city.

Ring #26. . .Schenectady, N.Y. is holding its annual banquet on October 27. Tickets at a nominal $7.00 per person can be obtained from Ring #26 secretary Tony Messina at R.D.I-Middle Grove, N.Y.

Robert Sacchi. . .the gent you sometimes see on T.V. who imitates the late Humphrey Bogart in commercials, has gotten together with Willie Pep, and written a fine book titled "Friday's Heroes." Great stories on those Friday nite ring heroes such as Joey Giardello, Chico Vejar, Tony Janiro, Steve Belloise, Frankie Ryff, Tippy Larkin, Ernie Durando, Kid Gavilan, Chuck Davey, Billy Graham, Ezzard Charles, Joe Walcott, Charlie Fusari, Tiger Jones, Sandy Saddler, Willie Pep and Rocky Marciano.

Fitzie Pruden. . .who boxed Tony Janiro, Kid Gavilan, Billy Graham, Chico Vejar and Chuck Davey, recently underwent surgery. Fitzie is a bit down on his luck. Recently Ronnie Burns Bouse, who is a correspondent for this magazine, held a testimonial dinner for Pruden. Anyone willing to assist a former leather slinger, send a check to Ronnie Burns at 287 Warburton Ave., Hawthorne, N.J.

Cal Caperale. . .former boxer from Hazelton, Pa. recently died from smoke inhalation during a fire in a produce market where he was employed. He was only 41 years old.

Ace Hudkins. . .middleweight of the 1920's passed away at age 67 in Hollywood, California. His meteoric rise to fame came when he stopped favorite Joe Benjamin. He was beaten twice by Mickey Walker in 1928-1929.

Steve Chalec. . .former boxer from Pennsylvania who was a cousin of the late movie star Nick Adams, died recently at 61.

Clarence "Skinny" Davidson. . .former prexy of VBA Ring 40 of Philadelphia, passed away at age 77. Davidson is best remembered as the manager and trainer of former world lightheavy king Harold Johnson. Davidson at one time was the flyweight champion of Pennsylvania. Attending his funeral were Harold Johnson, Jersey Joe Walcott, Nick Chimienti, Zack Clayton, Joe Shannon, Ike White, Bernie Manhoff, Charlie Nevins, Harry Pegg, Ray Belmont, Tony Morgano, Joe McGuigan, Mickey Mantell, Vince Handley and Frankie Miller.

The greater Paterson (N.J.) Veteran Boxers Association. . .is a new group of former leather slingers. The group is headed by Clarence Champ Snell; 1st. V.P.-Jackie Stewart; 2nd. V.P. Ronnie Stewart; Treasurer-Bob Toloso; Sg't. at Arms-Jack Whittaker; and Stan Heldelbach.

The 5th Annual Boxing Hall of Fame Dinner of New Jersey takes place Sept. 23 at Diamond Jim's, Route #34, Matawan, N.J. Being inducted are Frankie Blair, Freddie "Red" Cochrane, Alex Doyle, Joey Ferrando, Joe Kane, Patsy Perroni, Larry Reagan and Ernie Ratner. Dinner at 6. Tickets, $13.00 per person, can be purchased from Chairman Adrian Bailey, 12-6 Doris Ave., Wanamassa, N.J.

Ring 101. . .of Baltimore, recently held a successful banquet honoring former bantam king Harry Jeffra. Vince Cala is Presy of this newly formed group.

Ring #14. . .recently held 19th annual dinner-dance at the Skyline Cabana Club in Jersey City, honored Solly Seeman, Rossi Calarco, Jerry Cuicci, Mario Carbone and Lou Meloro.

LICATA UNANIMOUS OVER ERNIE BURNS IN TAMPA

By TOM EPHREM

Tampa, Fla. — Tony Licata is not a Willie Pep. But Licata must have given Lou Viscusi and Trainer Bill Gore many beautiful memories of that great former featherweight champion Willie Pep when the three were together. That consistent jab, double-jab and more at one clip by "Machine-Gun Tony" have reminded them.

Gore had Tony concentrating on that left hand and the jabs and hooks were plentiful to earn him a ten round unanimous decision over Ernie Burns, out of Miami. It was Tony's 31st win, with three draws and no losses. Burns, apparently trying for a kayo, managed to land some good rights on Tony but they were taken in good stride. Licata likewise got in some fine rights and Burns, handled by Moe Fleischer, did stay upright.

An accidental bump of heads in the sixth produced a cut on Ernie's left eyelid while Licata got a bruised left cheekbone in the fifth. The winner, at 159½, was responsible for the largest turnout since the game made its comeback here in 1969. The loser, better than his record indicates, made Tony step fast the full limit. He weighed 160. Judges Floyd Golden, Sam Klein and Daryl Brown had it, respectively: 100-92; 99-93; 100-90.

In another bout scheduled for ten, the participants J. T. Dowe, Tampa welterweight, knocked Frankie "Little Smoky" Young, 148, Houston, through the ropes in the second round of an expected war. Dowe, 143, didn't give Young the chance to get moving with his own TNT. J.T. got in first with the mostest and the best. Eddie Palido and trainer Chino Alvarez have a crowd-pleaser in Dowe.

Reyes Santiago, 129½, Tampa, stopped Phil Little, 126, Orlando, in round one. A promising youngster, John Pinney, 150, Tampa, stopped Willie Chaney, 158, Tampa, in the fifth round, using the famous Kid Gavilan bolo punch.

Herbie Cintron, 129½, Tampa, drew in a sixer with Cisco Reyes, 127, Houston. Mike McKinney, 178, Tampa, split decisioned Louis Izzo, Jr., 175, St. Petersburg, in a three round amateur brawl, good for two knockdowns. John Weyand, 95 pounds, of Plant City, and Billy Bearden, 110, of Seffner, fought to a draw in three rounds.

▲**Tampa** — J. T. Dowe is capable of giving you a fight anytime, anywhere and the home folks know it. His ten round fracas with Tony Garcia was one of the best but try as he did to add another to his string of wins, the local welterweight had to settle for a draw.

Garcia, Puerto Rican, gave as much as he took and surprised not only Dowe but the customers.

One of the big surprises saw Larry Peterson, unbeaten in three fights, suffer his first defeat. The victim was Nelson Alfonso. The six rounder provided good action. Alfonso, New York, weighed 138, and Peterson, Jacksonville, 139.

Saw Pretty, Tampa middleweight, put the skids under fellow townsman Lorenzo Roberts in the second round. Larry Reneaud, Montreal heavyweight trying hard for a comeback, jarred Jim Johnson, of New Orleans, for a second round stopper.

Pete Swinney, of Plant City, took a four from Reyes Santiago, 127 pounder from New York. Alfonso and Peterson featured two undefeated youngsters with 3-0 records. One had to give.

▲**Tampa** — That was a sure enough birthday celebration J. T. Dowe had, with all the trimmings of blood and cuts on him and his guest, Roberto Gomez. They topped the icing with a trio of knockdowns and a trip to the hospital for treatment. From start to finish they tossed their best shots and the surpriser was Roberto's ability to take the last round with a two-handed assault. Dowe, whose left hook is deadly scored a knockdown in the first round and repeated in the eighth. Gomez decked Dowe in the fifth with a right hand to spice it up. A big ninth for J.T. failed to discourage Roberto and how he took all this punishment is a mystery. Dowe, 146, Tampa, was the unanimous winner in the eyes of Judges Sam Klein and Daryl Brown and Referee Young Raymond. The win was his 8th, against two losses and a draw. He weighed 146. Gomez, 146, is from Puerto Rico. He has two triumphs over Tony Garcia, a Puerto Rican who held Dowe to a draw the month before.

▲On the Dowe-Gomez undercard, Nelson Alfonso, junior welter from Puerto Rico and Tampa, scored again. This was a big one for him, stopping Victor Perez, of Sanford, in the seventh round of a scheduled eight. A right dropped Perez in the disaster round to help stop activities between them. Perez was announced at 146.

Reyes Santiago, 135, Puerto Rico and Tampa, decisioned Frank Santores, 134, Puerto Rico, in a four.

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▲**Tampa** — Ring Post 50. . .Top news here is Lou Viscusi selling the contract of light-heavyweight champion Bob Foster to Yank Durham, manager of Joe Frazier, former heavyweight kingpin. . .Viscusi wants to get Houson moving again. Mrs. Earl Gilliam will promote there and Lou will help.

Priority there is the fight between George Foreman and Joe Frazier, and light-heavyweight king Bob Foster on same card.

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Belize City, British Honduras — At Bird's Isle, Lupe Galendo, 139½, Mexico City, KO over Fitzroy Guisseppi, Trinidad, 138¾, in the 10th round of a scheduled 10 round bout.

Charles Good (164½) Belize, KO over Edward Milton (165) Belize, in the 2nd round.

Noe Huicochea (122), Mexico City, KO over Alex Galvan (125), Mexico City in the 8th round.

Cornell Hall, 115, Jamaica, was TKO'ed by Hector Mendieta, 115, of Merida, Yucatan in the 9th round on a previous card.

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending June 15, 1973

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ron Lyle beat Gregorio Peralta, 10.
Ernie Shavers kayoed Harold Carter, 1.
Joe Alexander halted Jose Luis Garcia, 1.
Morris Jackson stopped Dan McAlinden, 3.
Jimmy Ellis kayoed Reco Brooks, 5.
Clyde Brown outpointed Charles Atlas, 10.
Pat Duncan kayoed Fred Wallace, 2.
Boone Kirkman decisioned Steve Carter, 10.
Kayoed Bill Drover, 2.
Jack O'Halloran beat Charlie Reno, 10.
Billy Williams outpointed Brian O'Melia, 10.
Oliver Wright kayoed Johnny Hudgins, 2.
Roy Williams halted Edmundo Stewart, 3.
Rodney Bobick beat Harold Carter, 8.
Tommy Kost outpointed Cliff McDonald, 10.
Bill Schellhas drew with John Marbury, 10.
Randy Neuman halted Doug Kirk, 2.
Elijah Jenkins kayoed Gil Hall, 4.
Jimmy Cross halted Sylvester Murphy, 4.
Ira Martin beat Bubba Winfield, 4.
John Berry stopped Mike Rogers, 1.
Al Migliorate kayoed Charley Clark, 2,
John Russell, 1, Larry Daniels, 2.
Jack Mercadente beat Jimmy Garhilfs, 4.
Tom Van Hoof outpointed Marc Hans, 5.
Rochell Norris kayoed Paul Simonetti, 1.
John L. Johnson halted Eddie Mitchell, 2.
Duane kayoed Willie Anderson, 3, Jim Williams, 5.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Pierre Fourie beat Conny Velensek, 10.
John Conteh decisioned Chris Finnegan, 15,
British & Empire light heavyweight titles.
Len Hutchins outpointed Vicente Rondon, 10.
Victor Galindez beat Juan Aguilar, 12,
South American light heavyweight title,
kayoed Eddie Owens, 3.
Tom Boggs decisioned Mike Quarry, 10.
Pat O'Connor defeated Cipriano Hernandez, 10; stopped Robert Williams, 9.
Bobby Cassidy halted Tommy Hicks, 9.
Dave Rogers drew with Bruce Scott, 6.
Vinnie Curto beat Joe Hooks, 8.
Al Bolden outpointed Van Sahib, 8,
kayoed Ben Coptee, 1.
Bill Hardney kayoed Angel Merced, 4.
Eugene Bethea beat Johnny Giroskim, 6.
Ron Wilson defeated Mario Marquez, 10.
George Elias halted John Mason, 7.
Charlie Brooks beat Chuck Zellers, 6.
Robert Newton outpointed Davis Smith, 5.
Toni Green kayoed Holly Williams, 4.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Carlos Monzon kayoed Roy Dale, 5, non-title.
Tony Mundine stopped Nessim Cohen, 4.
Jean-Claude Bouttier halted Art Hernandez, 9.
Mario Rosa beat Jose Chirino, 12.
Eddie Gregory outpointed Billy Wilson, 6.
Gene Wells decisioned Spider Webb, 10, Nat King, 8.
Tony Gardner kayoed Danny St. Johns, 4.
Donato Paduano halted Jose Pagon, 5.
Mike Lancaster beat George Davis, 10.
Willie Monroe stopped Roy McMillan, 3.
Dennis Riggs kayoed Marcel Clay, 12.
Carlos Silinas beat Jose Luis Espinosa, 10.
Rocky DiFazio drew with Rosario Zavala, 10.
Len Harden defeated Ramon Beras, 8.
Jose Gonzalez kayoed Eugene Hart, 9.
Vito Antuofermo beat Art Kettles, 10.
John L. Sullivan outpointed Eduardo Mazon, 10.
Tony Licate defeated Ernie Burns, 10.
Mike Baker kayoed Bo Green, 7.
Leroy Romero beat Roger Buckskin, 10.
John Mangum won from Harold Carter, 6.
Mike Avans stopped Robert Hall, 2.
Jean Mateo halted J. R. Wicks, 1.
Leo Saenz kayoed Roger Phillips, 2.
Josh Hall stopped Oscar Freeman, 1.
Felton Marshall drew with Frank Montano, 5.
Jean-Paul Seguin halted Paul Osborne, 3.
Mike Morgan beat Frank Formero, 5.
Glen Morgan kayoed Butch Bazis, 1.
Tommy Roland decisioned John Simpson, 6.
Robert Hoye halted John Shufford, 1.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Angel Espada outpointed Jack Tillman, 10.
Eddie Perkins outpointed Eddie Blay, 10.
Robert Gallois stopped Adrian Rodriguez, 5.
Ronnie Harris beat Bobby Haymon, 10.
Johnny Stracey halted Pat Murphy, 5.
Marshall Butler stopped Roland Pryor, 10.
Buddy Boggs kayoed Kid Bassey, 8.
Dino Del Cid halted Oscar Alvarado, 1.
Jose Miranda stopped Len Chavez, 3.
Johnny Rico kayoed Les Vegas, 4.
Guerrero Chavez outpointed Fernand Marcotte, 10.
Marc Gervais halted Angel Miletti, 2.
Elisha Obed beat Roy Goss, 10.
Cuby Jackson outpointed Terry Summerhays, 8.
Renato Garcia decisioned Isaac Quitas, 10.
Wayne Cook kayoed Famous Powers, 3.
Benny Reyes drew with Andy Price, 6.
Kid Totas beat Jesus Alicia, 6.
Frank Robertson outpointed John Montagne, 6.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Antonio Cervantes kayoed Alfonso Fraser, 5,
retained world junior welterweight title.
Victor Ortiz beat Saul Mamby, 10.
Carlos Gimenez stopped Alberto Aranda, 3.
Turk Kamaci decisioned Romualdo D'Alo, 10.
Roger Zami halted Bernard Creton, 3.
Piero Ceru beat Kristan Hydalh, 8.
Doc McClendon outpointed Victor Baerga, 10.
Johnny Gant stopped Andre Reed, 3.
Ray Seales halted Roger Buckskin, 5.
Candee Barnes beat Ken Brooks, 10.
Avon Little kayoed Leo Randolph, 1.
Mario Saurennann outpointed Alvin Anderson, 10.
Lion Furuyama beat Pedro Adigue, 12,
Orient junior welterweight title.
Kevin Dorian drew with George Reilly, 4.
Ronald Whyms halted Mike Everett, 2.
Ramon DeJesus beat Justico Ortiz, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Roberto Duran halted Gerardo Ferrat, 2,
non-title.
Ken Buchanan decisioned Frankie Otero, 10.
Esteban DeJesus beat Raul Montoya, 10.
Ray Lampkin kayoed Jose Mejia, 2.
Hugo Gutierrez decisioned Nicolas Arkuszyn, 10.
Ould Makloufi defeated Giovanni Girgenti, 10.
Dale Hernandez beat Johnny Howard, 10.
Timothy Walker outpointed Billy Bell, 6.
Ishimatsu Suzuki defeated Fred Paster, 12,
Orient lightweight title.
Johnny Sullivan kayoed Jose Lopez, 1.
Hector Diaz beat Luke Ervin, 6.
Armando Cordova stopped Rudy Acunia, 3.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Andres Steyn outpointed Ricardo Arredondo, 10.
Sammy Goss beat Jose Fernandez, 10.
Frankie Otero lost to Ken Buchanan, 10.
Love Allotey decisioned Aurello Muniz, 10.
Lothar Abend kayoed Felix Brami, 10,
E.B.U. junior lightweight title.
Calvin Woodland defeated Mike Harris, 10.
Samuel Serrano halted Terry Rondeau, 2.
Kim Hyun-Chi beat Apollo Yoshio, 12,
Orient junior lightweight title.
Paul Coletti halted Fernand Beaudin, 3.
Ronnie McGarvey kayoed Olympic Ortiz, 5.
Danny Daniels beat Dave Smith, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Eder Jofre beat Jose Legra, 15,
to win W.B.C. featherweight title.
Bobby Chacon kayoed Chucho Castillo, 10.
Danny Lopez halted Cesar Ordunez, 6.
Bert Nabalatan stopped Goya Vargas, 2.
Bob Allotey outpointed Antonio Tenza, 8.
Arnold Taylor decisioned Jimmy Bell, 10.
Oscar Mendez won from Abel Almarez, 10.
Antonio Gitano Jimenez beat Tommy Glencross, 15,
E.B.U. featherweight title.
Hugo Barraza outpointed David Sotelo, 10.
Enrique Alonso kayoed Hermes Silva, 1.
Billy drew with Avon Little, 4.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Romero Anaya beat Rogelio Lara, 15,
retained World Bantamweight Title.
Chucho Castillo kayoed by Bobby Chacon, 10.
Octavio Gomez halted by Art Hafey, 6.
Bobby Holderfield stopped James Word, 1.
Johnny Moreno halted Rocky Garcia, 8.
Max Sanchez stopped Jose Luis Estrada, 2.
Salvadore Carrillo drew with Julio Guerrero, 10.
Juan Ursus lost to Lupe Ramirez, 5.
Gasper Montejo beat Arturo Ulloa, 3.
Alberto Davila won from Tomas Huerta, 5.
Andre Hernandez outpointed Jesus Nieves, 10.

FLYWEIGHTS

Chartchai Chionoi halted Fritz Chervet, 4,
W.B.A. vacant flyweight title.
Tony Moreno kayoed Tony Padrone, 2.
Costenito Morales beat Lupe Hernandez, 12,
North American Flyweight Title,
Ricardo Delgado, 10.
Andres Hernandez outpointed Jesus Nieves, 10.
Jim West kayoed Robert Eggleton,
Australian flyweight title.
Willie Jansen stopped Mato Espinoza, 3.

VITO, A GUY WHO LOVES TO FIGHT

(Continued from page 33)

the time came. We're looking around for an apartment."

His favorite food? Pasta fagioli, of course—pronounced "pasta fazoola" by non-Italians. Whenever possible, Vito has wine with his meals. "After all," he explains, "it's like eating grapes in liquid form. This, in moderation, is very healthful."

Says Tony Carione: "It's a pleasure to manage Vito. He is no problem. Agreeable and obedient. Trains hard and lives a clean life. Only thing I object about him—his car racing."

Closing his eyes, Tony wagged his head, muttering, "Mama mia, auto racing!" Opening his eyes he said to Vito: "Tell what happened to you a year ago, Vito. Go on, tell about it!"

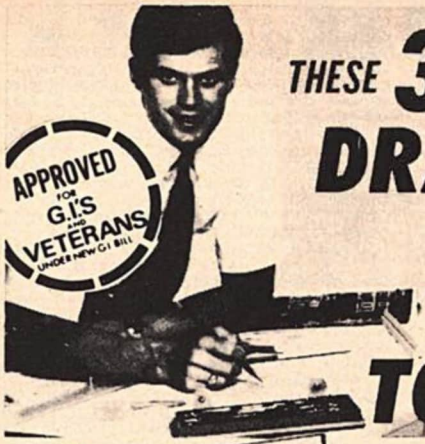
The boxer grinned abashedly. "Well, it was like this," he said. "My friend Tony Letteri and I were racing on Avenue D, in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn, when suddenly a car comes out of a side street in front of me. Naturally, my auto hit it.

"My head banged the windshield, smashing it and cutting my head—and my body crashed against the steering wheel. I thought a few of my ribs were broken.

"In the hospital where stitches were made on my scalp, no broken ribs were found. The race? Oh, my friend won it. But had it been a horse race I'd have beaten him easy."

Vito is—or had been—a natural blond. But somehow his hair has become increasingly darker.

Former featherweight Willie Felice has this to say about the boxer: "It's a pleasure to work with him. He does as he's told. No arguments and no smart back-talk. A real nice guy. He received 26 trophies in the amateurs. If ever a fighter deserved to become a champion, it's Vito Antuofermo—a fighter who fights."



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RIGGS BEATS CLAY IN FLORIDA, O'HALLORAN IN BEST FORM

By HANK KAPLAN

Miami Beach, Fla. — Before one of the largest crowds of the current year at the Auditorium, Dennis Riggs, Florida middleweight leader, 158½, Jacksonville, came from behind to beat Marcel Clay, 159, Opa-Locka, in the final heat of a 12 rounder.

As round twelve opened, referee Dick Tobin, who had prior notice that Clay's left eye vision was gone, halted the action because Clay was unable to defend against Riggs' looping right hand. Clay was ahead on all scorecards at the end. Riggs used his experience to great advantage as he came on in the last few rounds.

In the 8 round semi-final, Vinnie Curto, 174½, Boston, easily outpointed Joe Hooks, 170, Philadelphia. Vinnie had Hooks in trouble on several occasions but the wily Philadelphian danced out of range while the roaring Curto cooled off.

In a scheduled four rounder, Al Migliorato, 196½, Miami, bombed out John Russell, 239, Miami, in 18 seconds of the first round.

In another scheduled four, Tony Green, 172, Miami, stopped Holly Williams, 179, Dayton, Ohio, in the 4th round.

In a scheduled four rounder, Mickey McGuire, 154½, Dayton, Ohio, stopped Joe Eplett, 156, Miami, in two.

John L. Johnson, 203½, Miami, kayoed Eddie Mitchum, 178½, Miami, in the second round. This was the professional debut of Johnson.

▲In a rematch of a heavyweight bout which stirred up Chris Dundee's patrons a couple of months ago, Billy Williams, 187, London, Eng., outscored Brian O'Melia, 198, New York, in a contest no less exciting than their previous set-to.

The voting for the winner was unanimous over the ten round route, with Williams showing more finesse than his usual roughhouse style of milling. Williams was the busier with his constant flurries while O'Melia stalked his opponent looking for the one-shot bombs. O'Melia fought with diligence but couldn't trap the speedier Williams as he flitted in and out of range.

In a companion scheduled ten rounder, Oliver Wright, 196¼, Kingston, Jamaica, floored Johnny Hudgins, 195, Miami, with a right cross in the second round. Hudgins arose on weak legs. He received another decking right. Johnny picked himself off the floor once more and took several more shots before referee Eddie Eckert stopped the action, bringing Wright's record to 6-1-0.

In an eight-rounder, Gene Wells, 158, Louisville, outpointed Nat King, 159, Douglas, Georgia. The bout was fast.

In a scheduled four-rounder, Al Migliorato, 196, Wampum, Ohio, dazzled Charley Clark, 190, Orlando, with his footwork and then knocked him out with an overhand right in the second round.

▲Angelo Dundee is confident that Muhammad Ali will return to the ring in previous form once he gets the okay from his medical advisors the broken jaw incurred in the Ken Norton fight is fully mended. Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, Ali's chief of medical staff, feels the former champ has many surprises remaining in his ring future...

Following his return from Vietnam as a helicopter pilot, Fred Sullivan, one-time actively engaged Savannah heavyweight in Southern rings, is now shaking out his ring togs for an entrance in Miami competition... Crack amateur, middleweight Sammy Massias is still on the winning trail with a knockout victory over Thaddius Theophilos in round one of his latest outing...

In a victory of widespread interest locally, Judge Shelby Highsmith of the Circuit Court, ruled that the contraversial and restrictive Florida High School Activities Association by-law which prohibits athletes from competition in boxing, is invalid...

Dr. Mickey Demos, former University of Miami boxer who competed as a finalist in the 1952 National Intercollegiate championships, recently pledged a $50,000 donation to his alma mater for medical school scholarships and athletic Federation activities...

At the weekly amateur show presented at the Blanche Ely High School Gym in Pompano, Nat Holmes, 131, Avon Park, lost a close decision to Dave Tolliner, 138, of Pompano...In the main event on the amateur card of the Avon Park Correctional Institution, Hubert Rico, 150½, Havana, and Dennis Byrne, 153, Avon Park, fought a draw in three rounds...Former Miami welter, Larry Mujica, is being considered as a referee by the Miami Beach Commission...Joe Knight, once challenger for Maxie Rosenbloom's light-heavyweight title in Miami, is hale and hearty in Cairo, Georgia, training light heavyweight Andy Maxwell...

▲**Miami Beach** — The return match of the James Summerville-Jack O'Halloran bout had been on the drawing board ever since the final round of their engagement a few weeks back. The return was a great spectator fight which kept the fans agog.

This time the result was a reversal of the first. O'Halloran, a competent 6 feet, 6 inches, 259 pounder, based in San Diego, launched a heavy offensive in the 7th round to stop Summerville, no shrimp at 238, with a series of straight rights. Summerville became a mere target and the situation called for interference by referee Cy Gottfried while James was still on his feet.

At this stage of the game O'Halloran appears the superior fighter but Summerville will never be faulted for not trying.

In a ten rounder, Ike Hooks, 142, Philadelphia, won on points over Joe Cartwright, 139½, West Palm Beach, in a fast fight which saw Hooks receive cuts over both eyes. In two meetings each now has a points victory. This decision was narrow.

In an 8 round squeaker, Angel Estevez, 161, Hialeah, won the judges' verdict over Doug Rogers, 156½, Miami, in a scrappy contest. Perhaps a draw would have been a more appropriate verdict.

In a four rounder, Al Migliorato, 195, kept his winning string intact with a third round knockout over Leonard Robinson, 200, Miami.

Joe Eplett scored a second round TKO over Eddie Axelrod in a welterweight bout.

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HAGLER WINS AAU 165, ● BEST IN SHOW, GOES PRO ●

By DON HAMILL

Boston, Mass. — Marvin Hagler, from nearby Brockton, not only won the 165 pound title in the AAU finals here but was awarded the best-in-the-tournament trophy.

Straight from the amateur carnival went Hagler into the ranks of the pros. His handler said, "You can't buy groceries with trophies, especially at current prices in the markets."

Jim Chapman, from Reno, only 21, took the heavyweight title. He is not reported to have pro ambitions. The new champions:

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119 POUNDS
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Howard Davis, 17, New York (Metro)
132 POUNDS
Aaron Pryor, 17, Cincinnati, O. (Ohio)
139 POUNDS
Randy Shield, 1 No. Hollywood, Cal. (So. Pac)
147 POUNDS
Bill Tuttle, 16, Bowie, Md. (Ohio)
156 POUNDS
Dale Grant, 17, Tacoma, Wash. (Pac. NW)
165 POUNDS
Marvin Hagler, 20, Brockton (New England)
178 POUNDS
D. C. Barker, 22, Denver (Rocky Mt.)
HEAVYWEIGHT
James Chapman, 21, Reno, Nev. (Pac)

▲**Brockton, Mass.** — Tony Petronelli, 140, East Bridgewater, laid claim to the New England junior welterweight leadership by scoring an eighth round knockout over the sectional lightweight king, Beau Jaynes, 139, Lowell.

The younger Petronelli forced the action to build up a sizeable lead during the first five rounds. Experience appeared to be coming through as Jaynes took control of the fight starting in the sixth round, and holding it until the sudden ending in the eighth. A right to the jaw put Jaynes down. He arose, but was in no condition to continue.

Jose Carlos Garcia, 140, who formerly fought out of Worcester as a featherweight, was given a leave from the Norfolk State Prison, and handed once promising Don Sennett, 139, Waltham, a pasting in the eighth round semi-final.

In scheduled four rounders: Don Wigfall, 165, Brockton, kayoed James Hall, 165, New York, with a right to the body in the second round; Juan Colon, 138, Lowell, stopped southpaw Darryl Saunders, 144, New York, who was thoroughly outclassed in three rounds; and Chris Pina, 155, also of the Norfolk State Prison, dropped Dennis Read, 151, New York, for the full count in the first round.

▲**Portland, Me.** — Fred (Preacher) Lewis, 185, Colorado Springs, Colo., battered John (Speedy) Jordan, 195, Norfolk, Va., into submission so that Jordan was unable to answer the bell for the eighth round. Jordan had been down in the sixth round and barely missed being dropped again in round seven.

Promising Mike Baker, 161, Washington, D.C., is now living in Portland. He scored a seventh round TKO over Oscar Freeman, 173, Norfolk, when Freeman was ruled out because of a cut eye. Rick Craney, 138, Portland, repeated over George Gosselin, 133, Lewiston, whom he had decisioned in his first pro bout. Craney took a unanimous four round duke.

▲**Portland** — Irish Mike Baker, 163, Portland, won his tenth pro bout with a seventh round knockout over Bo Green, 174, New York. Baker turned in a pleasing boxing exhibition before he unloaded the bombs on the much heavier Green.

Larry Butler, 150, Portland, New England welterweight leader, hit the comeback trail after shoulder surgery and earned an eight round unanimous decision over Ricky Burgess, 149, Waterville. Bobby Richard, 133, Portland, stopped lanky Jimmy Jaynes, 137, Lowell, in the eighth and final round of their bout. Rick Craney, 138, Portland, stopped Dennis Birch, 139, Bath, in the final round of their four spot.

▲**Portland** — Irish Mike Baker, 161, Portland, had his hands full winning a unanimous eight round decision over Jesus Alicia, 153, Holyoke, who filled in as a last minute substitute. The aggressive Alicia continually bored in winging away at Baker's body. A big final heat in which Alicia was staggered by Baker's sharp right hands sealed the victory for Baker.

Don Wigfall, 175, Brockton, handed a thumping to local Macka Foley, 177½, in the co-feature. Wigfall appeared a little overawed but took command in the third round and never gave it up. Ricky Craney, 143, Portland, piled up another win by taking a unanimous six round decision over Juan Colon, 143, Lowell. In another six rounder, Paul Poirier, 146, New Bedford, copped a similar duke over Nelson Alvarado, 138, Lawrence.

▲**Portland** — Larry Butler, 146, Portland, scored a third round knockout over Otha Tyson, 139, Paterson, N.J., under unusual circumstances. Butler appeared to have a slight edge in the third round when Tyson suddenly put up his hands and started for his corner. Butler took advantage of the situation and dropped Tyson with a right for the full count. Tyson later complained that he had suffered an eye injury.

Jose (Pagan) Rivera, 144, Lowell, filled in as a late sub for Terry Rondeau, and scored an upset win over Bobby Richard in the eight round semi-final. Richard, 138½, Portland, had previously beaten Rivera three times, twice by kayoes.

JOFRE DECKED BUT WINS ● WBC TITLE OVER LEGRA ●

By BO ZAINE

Brasilia, Brazil — About 25,000 witnessed the biggest boxing show ever held in this country, and saw Eder Jofre win the WBC featherweight title from ex-Cuban, now Spanish, Jose Legra over fifteen rounds.

Jofre was decked in the third round just as the bell sounded, but started to come on in the following round.

Jofre piled up points as he chased Legra and tried to nail him, but Legra fled away.

Legra was warned twice for holding. The last moment of glory for the ex-Cuban was when he had the Brazilian in trouble in the opening of the 14th round, when he hit Jofre with a crashing right hook to the liver.

Jofre survived, however, and won by 146-141, 148-143 and 143-143. A good referee, Jay Edson worked.

Luis Faustino Pires battled his way into a clear decision over Manuel Ramos in 10. The Brazilian had Ramos, who hails from Mexico, in trouble in the 7th, but did not succeed in putting Ramos to sleep.

Alberto Lovell, Argentine heavyweight, kayoed Charlie Polite in the 5th.

Juarez DeLima, from Brazil, outpointed Uraguay's Jorge Peralta in 10. Juan Flores, Legra's sparring partner, won in 8 over Brazil's Joao dos Santos.

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O'CONNOR GOES 10 TWICE TO BEAT BARRA AND HERNANDEZ

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

St. Paul, Minn. — Two more wins for Rochester, Minn. light heavy, Pat O'Connor.

O'Connor outpointed Benny Kid Barra, of Hermosillo, Mexico, in ten rounds at La Crosse, Wis., and outscored Cipriano Hernandez, also of Hermosillo, in a ten at Rochester.

Pat O'Connor, 169, won a hard fought, but unanimous ten round decision over Barra, 174, at Sawyer Auditorium. It was O'Connor's second victory over Barra.

Both fighters were down in a wild third round. O'Connor sent Barra to the canvas with a left and right to the jaw, and Benny was slow getting up. Then, as O'Connor came in on Barra, Benny caught him with a short left to the jaw and Pat went down flat on his face.

O'Connor plied a stiff left jab to pile up points and tried his best to put Barra away in the eighth and ninth rounds when he was scoring well. O'Connor's record is 33-1.

Rodney Bobick, 228, Bowlus, Minn. ran his record to 13-1 by stopping Clyde "Sandman" Brown, 217, Memphis at 2:22 of the sixth round. Bobick had complete control of the fight and floored Brown in the third round also. Brown's record dipped to 7-8-0.

▲**Frankfort, Ky.** — Duane Bobick, 211, Bowlus, Minn. stopped pro debuting William Anderson, 192, Louisville, in the third round of a scheduled eight rounder to up his record to 2-0. Anderson was down three times.

▲**Des Moines, Ia.** — Unbeaten Dale Hernandez, 137, Des Moines, upped his record to 16-0-0 by taking a unanimous ten round decision over Johnny Copeland, 136, Joplin, Mo. It was Dale's second win over Copeland.

A crowd of 2,150 at Veterans Memorial Auditorium saw Copeland floor Hernandez with an overhand right to the jaw in the fourth round. However it was the only time he was in any danger. The contest was a spirited one with plenty of leather thrown by both.

In the semi-final Lamont Lovelady, Des Moines, floored Gary Falls, Toronto, three times before the uneven contest was stopped at 2:59 of the first round of a light heavyweight contest. Lovelady now has a 2-0 record.

Marion Thomas, Indianapolis, won a unanimous eight round decision over Johnny "Flash" Howard, Richmond, Va. in a lightweight match.

In a middleweight bout, Frank Formaro, Des Moines, won a split decision in four rounds over Butch Bazis, Lincoln, Nebr.

▲**Minneapolis, Minn.** — It has been revealed that the fighter billed as Bobo Wilson from Peoria, Ill. who was knocked out in just 14 seconds by Glenn Morgan on the recent Duane Bobick-Tommy Burns card, was actually a man by the name of Harry Ponzo, of Minneapolis.

Ponzo had very little, if any, amateur experience and should never have been allowed to fight Morgan, who is a good prospect. Ponzo was not in attendance at the weigh-in.

How did the Commission allow this to happen again? Ponzo could have been seriously injured, as it was he was out cold from four punches. It is obvious that the promoter hoodwinked the boxing fans, and the Commission allowed it to take place.

▲**Rochester, Minn.** — O'Connor, 168, won a unanimous ten over Hernandez, 170. The win dispelled any doubts about the unpopular split decision O'Connor won over Hernandez in 1971.

O'Connor was at his best and boxed with excellence as his left jabs and hooks kept him in control of the fight. In the first round a solid right hand to the jaw floored Hernandez. Only when O'Connor tried to mix it up with Cipriano was the fight on even terms.

The win brought O'Connor's record up to 34-1, while Hernandez is now 11-21-3. The Ben Sternberg promotion drew 1,800 fans and a gate of $12,008.

In the semi-final Rodney Bobick, 228, Bowlus, Minn. (14-1-0) won a hard fought eight round decision over Harold Carter, 180, Cleveland, O. (15-25-2).

Mike Morgan, 158, Richfield (10-1-2) outpointed Frank Formaro, 155, Des Moines (4-6-1) in 5.

Glenn Morgan, 155, Richfield (2-0-0) stopped Butch Bazis, 160, Lincoln, Nebr. (0-3-0) in the first round.

Tom Van Hoof, 189, Winona, Minn. (8-2-0) outpointed Marc Hans, 185, Minneapolis (6-5-0) in 5.

▲Dr. Thomas Johnson of Minneapolis was granted a license to promote in Minneapolis. Dr. Johnson is the state's first black promoter, and he joins Gene Fesenmaier and Wally Karbo as Mill City promoters.

▲**Columbua, Ohio** — Fighting for the eighth time in four months, Rodney Bobick, 224, Bowlus, Minn. stopped J. D. McCauley, 218, Columbus in the sixth round. McCauley was down in the fifth and three times in the sixth. Bobick is now 15-1-0.

Officers of the Minnesota Athletic Commission re-elected at a recent meeting, were Fay Frawley, chairman, Fred Allen, vice-chairman, and Jack Gibbons, executive secretary.

Boxing on Sundays was recently approved. This will help the amateurs. Otis Biers of Elba, Minn. was granted a promoter's license, as was the Boys Club of St. Cloud, Minn. which will have its first pro show next month.

▲**Denver, Colo.** — Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn. heavyweight upped his record to 3-0 when he stopped Jimmy Williams, Omaha, Nebr. at 1:15 of the fifth round. No knockdowns.

15 IN ROW FOR McGARVEY, EXIT FOR BEN ORTIZ IN 4

By JOE POODLES, SR.

Baltimore, Md. — Ronnie McGarvey, Adelphi, Md. featherweight, scored his 15th win in a row at Steelworkers Hall when referee Tom Kelly stopped the action at the end of the fourth round against Ben Ortiz, of New York. The loser claimed an injured left elbow.

In the four completed rounds the undefeated southpaw was ahead in each heat.

In the third round McGarvey tagged his foe with a long straight left that floored him for an eight count. McGarvey scaled 127, Ortiz 130.

In a scheduled eight rounder Wild Bill Hardney, 180, of Washington, D.C. kayoed Angel Merced, 181½, of New York, in the fourth round. Hardney usually clowns around but in this one Bill hardly had time for this kind of frolic as the New Yorker came to fight.

A right to Merced's chin ended the affair at the beginning of the fourth round. It deposited him on the canvas with his head hitting the canvas with a frightening thud.

Jose Restos, 130, New York, and Billy Bell, 134, of Washington, D.C., boxed a listless six round draw.

Johnny Goroski, Baltimore, 183, lost a six round decision in a rematch of a draw fight on the last local show, to Eugene Bethea, 180, Trenton, N.J. Their first encounter was a war from beginning to the end while the rematch was a tame affair.

Leo "Kid" Saenz, 153, Baltimore, made his professional debut a successful one by kayoing Ivelaw Eastman, 150, New York, in the second round of a scheduled sixer.

▲After dropping three out of four of his previous outings, Baltimore's Buddy Boggs, 149, scored an eight round TKO over Kid Bassey, 150, of Kingston, Jamaica, at the Steelworkers Hall. Bassey, who hadn't fought for three years, proved a sad disappointment to the fans who had booed for more action from the invader.

Boggs won every round and was on his way to a complete shutout when Bassey himself called a halt at the end of the seventh, claiming a pain in his side.

It was much more of a pain to the fans who watched Boggs beat a steady tatoo on his foe with very little resistance in return. Why a match like that?

A sellout crowd of 1,212 fans attended the Eli Hanover's Sports Activities Club offering, which is usually the case in Hanover's promotions at the Steelworkers Hall.

Josh Hall, 169½, Baltimore's crowd pleaser TKO'ed Oscar Freeman, 168½; of Norfolk, Va. in the first round, a resounding right planted Oscar on the deck with a thud heard all over the arena.

The stricken fighter sprang to his feet at the beginning of the count and took an eight standing. Then the referee stopped the bout.

Ira Martin, 207½, of Baltimore, won his third straight bout by a four unanimous decision over Jim Winfield, 211½, of Norfolk, Va. Winfield was dropped for eight in the third round.

Leo Saenz, 157½, of Baltimore, won his second straight by a second round TKO over Roger Phillips, 161, Pittsfield, Mass.

Billy Bell, 137, of Washington, D.C. who does most of his boxing in Baltimore and never seems to get the best of the decisions was held to a four round draw by Avon Little, 142, who also hails from the capital. Bell looked like the winner from this writer's view.

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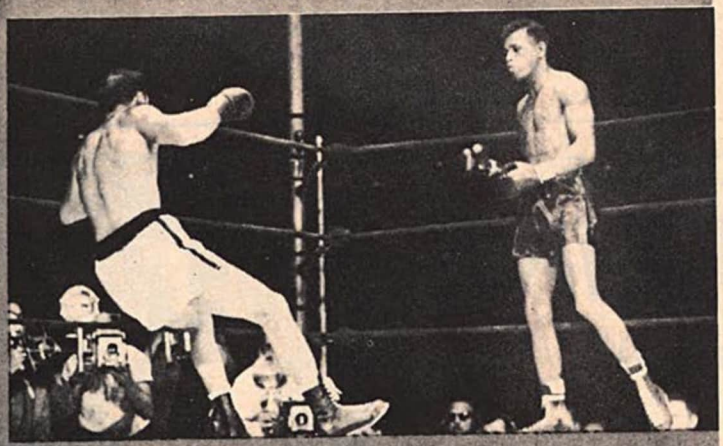

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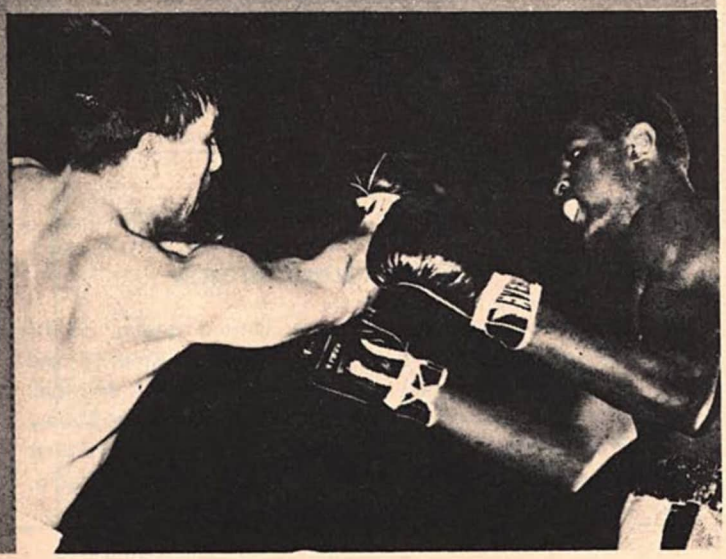

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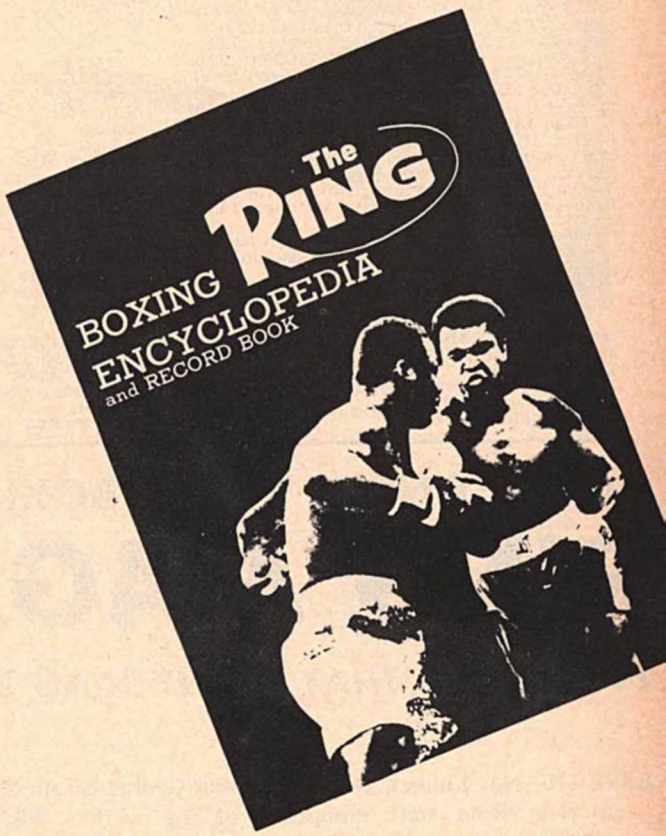

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By EDUARDO AMER G.

Mexico, D.F. — Lots of fighting in Mexico, but nobody big. Plenty of action and some fine prospects developing. Recent results:

Monterrey — Rafael Herrera, 117, again is the world bantamweight champion, (WBC) version. He won by a TKO over Rodolfo Martinez, 117, in 12 rounds of a great fight. Alberto "Costenito" Morales, 111, decisioned Ricardo Delgado, 110, in ten. Julio Guerrero, 118, and Salvador Martinez Carrillo (Guero Papero), 118, drew in 10. Lupe Ramirez, 135, TKO'ed Juan Manuel Ursua, 134, who was unbeaten with 26 kayoes in 26 bouts. Salvador "Perro" Gonzalez, 116, bested Rene Navarrete, 118, in 8.

▲**Merida, Yucatan** — Miguel Canto 111, continued winning by outboxing Rudy Billones, 112, in ten rounds. Mexican flyweight king proved too fast and clever for rival from Philippines. Hector Mendieta, 112, defeated Santos "Cora" Rodriguez, 111, in ten. Panchito Marquez, 110, whipped Kid Valente, 111, in 10. Guero Gongora, 116, TKO'ed David "Leoncito" Chavez, 117, in two. Jose Alamilla, 114, beat Marciano "Chicharron" Ortiz, 112, in four.

▲**San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora** — Manuel Fierro, 163, outscored Denny Moyer, 165, in ten. Humberto Ramos, 112, won over Al Torres, 112, in 10. Ramon Sotero, 139, TKO'ed Alfonso Morales, 140, in four. Raul Pacheco, 111, halted Manuel Vazquez, 111, in 4.

▲**Progreso, Yucatan** — Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 128, won by a technical decision from Mike Thompson, 131, in four.

▲**Ciudad Obregon, Sonora** — Moises Felix, 125, TKO'ed Carlos Rios, 125, in 5.

▲**Tlalnepantla, Estado de Mexico** — Manuel Mendoza, 117, TKO'ed Babe Lopez, 117, in 8. Jesus Cid, 135, TKO'ed Chucho Manzanares, 134, in 4.

▲**Guadalajara** — Alfonso Ibarra, 119, stopped Enrique Meza, 119, in 7.

▲**Acapulco** — Emilio "Tortuga" Mayoral, 112, beat Hipolito Hernandez, 112, in ten. Rafael Varela, 123, defeated Crescencio Rodriguez, 124, in 10.

▲**Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Jose Luis Soto, 117, TKO'ed Cesar Deciga, 117, in four. Lupe Romero, 111, embalmed Erasmo Estrada, 112, in 6.

▲**San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz** — Jorge Altamirano, 116, outpointed Jose Luis Luna, 115, in 10.

▲**Ciudad Valles, San Luis Potosi** — Olympic Alfonso Zamora, 119, made his pro debut by stopping Heraclio Amaya Fernandez, 120, in two.

▲**Progreso, Yucatan** — Nabor Angeles, 126, decisioned "Torero" Bracamontes, 130, in 6.

▲**Progreso, Yucatan** — Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 129, nailed Luis Rodriguez (Kid Superman), 128, in two.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Abundio Cortes, 112, defeated Jesus Cuica, 112, in ten. Roberto Valenzuela, 111, won from Jose Curiel, 112, in 8. "Rielero" Rodriguez, 131, bested Francisco Solorio, 132, in 6. Jose Aragon, 117, TKO'ed Prudencio Canovas, 116, in five.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Tomas Frias, 125, outscored Goyo Vargas, 125, in 10. Salvador "Lobito" Lozano, 117, TKO'ed Atanasio Delgado, 111, in one. Juan Diaz, 110, TKO'ed Andres Velazquez, 110, in four.

▲**Merida** — Roberto Alvarez, 112, beat Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 111, in 10. Ernesto Martinez, 127, won on points over Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 127, in ten. Ramon Rodriguez, 132, TKO'ed Antonio "Zorrito" Franco, 131, in 2. Freddie Castillo, 109, TKO'ed Kid Copetes, 112, in four. Carlos "Zurdo" Cruz, 107, TKO'ed "Borreguito" Torres, 107, in the opening round.

▲**Guadalajara** — Carlos Vazquez, 117, stopped Jesus Alfaro, 117, in five. Octavio Amparan, 133, TKO'ed Alberto Carrillo, 133, in three.

▲**Acapulco** — Esteban Chupin, 134, iced David Vazquez, 135, in one. Lorenzo Alarcon, 143, TKO'ed "Relampago" Gonzalez, 142, in 3.

▲**Salina Cruz, Oaxaca** — Raul Delgado, 164, Mexican middleweight champion, knocked out Manuel "Loco" Torres, 164, in two. "Rielero" Castaneda, 124, polished off Carlos Lira, 124, in eight.

▲**Tampico** German Coello, 134, bested Miguel Cruz, 134, in ten. Carlos Mimila, 124, kayoed Antonio Llamas, 125, in four.

▲**Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Chucho Almazan, 134, flattened Chuy Vega, 134, in nine.

▲**San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora** — Artemio Jeronimo, 118, halted Fili Castro, 118, in 8. Victor Manuel Acosta, 124, KO'ed Antonio Hernandez, 124, in three.

▲**Guaymas, Sonora** — Antonio "Zurdo" Fuentes, 116, outpointed "Mosco" Amador, 116, in ten.

▲**Ciudad Obregon, Sonora** — Moises Felix, 131, won by a disqualification from Memo Morales, 129, in nine.

▲**Mexicali, Baja California** — Tury Pruneda, 117, TKO'ed Kenji Iwata, 117, of Japan, in two. Luis Hernandez, 130, KO'ed Delfino Camacho, 129, in two.

▲**Ciudad Obregon, Sonora** — Juan "Cachorro" Medina, 134, surprised the gang when he bested Leoncio Ortiz, 135, in twelve rounds, and became the new Mexican lightweight champion.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Chucho Cedeno, 134, TKO'ed Rene "Mochila" Morgan, 134, in nine. Raul Tirado, 111, decisioned Mario Ramos, 111, in 8.

▲**Monterrey, Nuevo Leon** — "Chato" Patino, 116, TKO'ed Jesus Escobedo, 116, in two. Enrique Muniz, 114, TKO'ed Carlos Hernandez, 115, in seven.

▲**Progreso** — Mario "Zurdo" Mendez, 130, TKO'ed Nabor Angeles, 125, in two.

▲**Reynosa, Tamaulipas** — "Chamaco" Medrano, 117, and Costancio "Rocky" Garcia, 116, drew in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Valentin "Duende" Martinez, 111, stopped Babe San Martin, 112, in eighth round. Memo Ortiz, 117, TKO'ed Antonio Kiris, 118, in two. Julio Cruz, 116, won over Alejandro Banos, 116, in 8.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** Eliseo Cosme, 118, TKO'ed Pedro Martinez, 117, in four. Eleazar Delgado, 124, TKO'ed Nacho Hernandez, 125, in seven. Evodio Ortiz, 113, outscored Felipe Gallegos, 113, in six.

▲**Monterrey** — Jose Vasquez, 117, bombed Ricardo Herrera, in the very first round.

▲**Guadalajara** — Alfonso Ibarra, 118, defeated Martin Corona, 117, in ten. Pedro Jimenez, 124, demolished Alberto Perez, 124, in two.

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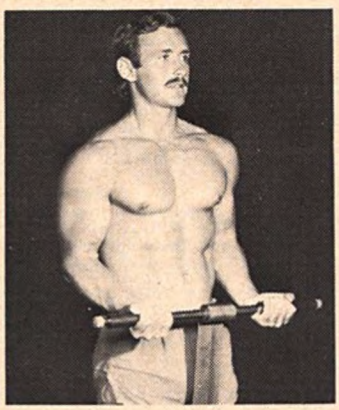

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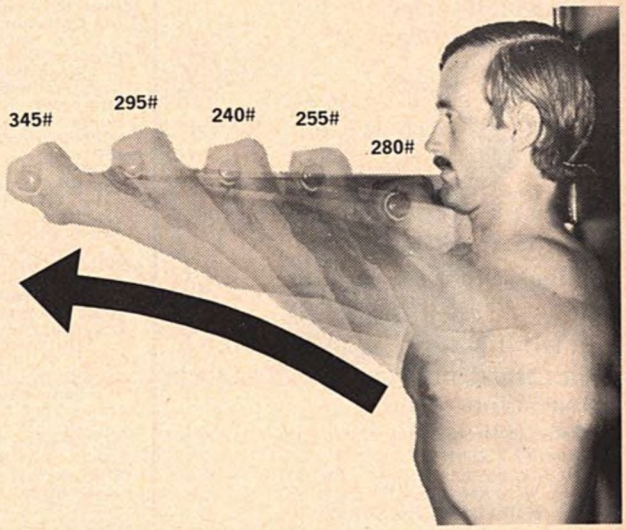

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CHAVEZ TEACHER, MARCOTTE PUPIL, IN QUEBEC FIGHT

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Quebec, Can. — Following his upset by winning a unanimous decision over Donato Paduano in Montreal, Guerrero 'Ray' Chavez served a boxing lesson to Fernand Marcotte over ten rounds to win a unanimous decision at the Coliseum before more than 6,000 fans.

This was their second meeting. Their first resulted in a ten round draw.

There was never any doubt about the decision in their second meeting, Chavez was in complete control from first to final bell. Any boxer that can come away with a unanimous decision over a local idol had to win by a city block.

▲At Toronto, studio boxing took place for the first time in Canada and was shown live on City T.V. The main event featured a heavyweight bout between Doug Kirk (Boston), 210, and Stamford Harris, (Jamaica), 230.

Void of any boxing skill, the match was a slugfest while it lasted. Harris, looking for his first win since 1970, came out slugging and forced Kirk all over the ring. A roundhouse right dropped the Boston fighter for an eight count at the bell ending the first round.

Still suffering from the effects of the knockdown, Kirk was a sitting duck for Harris in the second round. Dropped three more times by the Jamaican, the Bostonian forced the referee to stop the bout midway through the round.

The 279 pound Horst Geisler, who fights out of Toronto under the name of 'Him', won his third bout by stopping Tom Quick (Buffalo), 235, at 2:11 of the fourth round.

Before the referee halted the bout due to the exhausted condition of Quick, the Buffalo fighter gave it all he had. He bounced quite a few right hand shots to the head of the top-heavy 'Him' but they lacked the power to slow him down.

MIKE QUARRY, CARROLL BATTLE TO DRAW, ONE JUDGE SCORES IT 8-1-1

By SAM TAUB

Hal (TNT) Carroll, from Syracuse, made his first Metropolitan appearance since he started tossing leather in 1964, and surprised the fans in the Felt Forum by a ten round draw against Mike Quarry, younger middleweight brother of Jerry. The turnout of 1,365, with a gate of $7,786.37, had mixed feelings about the verdict. We had it even-Stephen, 4 and 4 and two even.

Those who figured on Mike making it a boxing performance were fooled when the Californian decided to slug it out. There was plenty of mauling at close quarters and lots of free swinging. Referee Harold Valan let the boys battle away. Quarry was warned a couple of times for hitting while having his left around his opponent's neck.

Both men delivered healthy wallops but neither was able to score a knockdown. Carroll was the aggressor and kept piling in and swinging away with roundhouse efforts but Quarry traded punches with him throughout. Mike is known as a pretty good boxer but he elected to slug it out and was lucky to escape as he did. Hal is a pretty good belter.

An accidental low punch in the seventh round by Quarry, saw Carroll double up and complain and after a few seconds the bout continued. It was costly to Mike as Valan penalized him the round.

Valan had it 5-5 on rounds and 5-5 on points, backing up his draw. . .Judge Harold Lederman had it 5-4-1 for Carroll while Bill Recht had it a surprising 8-1-1 for Quarry.

The six round semi-final saw an oddity. Ernest Mathias, from Panama, 127½, clashed with Jose Mejia, from Santa Domingo, 129½, in which Valan was the arbiter. Mathias, taller and longer of reach, solved his man early and was on the way to a unanimous verdict, as Majia started to sport a mouse under his left eye and was clearly outpointed. . .The oddity was that they fought after the bell in every round.

In the first of the sixes, refereed by Gerogie Coyle, local Salvado Ramirez, 136 1/3, scored a unanimous win over local Jose Resto, 129. In the four spot, also handled by Coyle, Pat Barry, 156, New York, got a unanimous win over local Segundo Ochoa, 161.

▲Knockouts and other fireworks featured the show in the Felt Forum. The ten round windup resulted in a majority win for Vito Antuofermo, from Bari, Italy, over willing Art Kettles, of Asbury Park, N.J., in a middleweight scuffle witnessed by some 1,300 paid customers and a gate of $7,641.75. The winner scaled 156, the loser 150.

The fight was a real brawl in which there was a lot of infighting with the ultimate winner richly deserving the duke. He kept crowding his man throughout, even after he suffered a slight gash over his right eyebrow in the sixth round. . .Kettles, the more experienced, had a good left jab and a solid right but his opponent kept on top of him. There were times when Vito landed a half dozen blows without a return.

Referee Johnny LoBianco had it 7-2-1 for the winner while Judge Leo Dazzo scored it 9 to 1 the same way. The other judge, Frank DeGesu, was not in accord, his sheet showing 5-3-2 with Kettles the winner.

Your reporter voted for Antuofermo, 8-1-1. Vito fought all the way while Kettles, battled in spurts. He had the moves but Antuofermo had the quicker hands. . .

The eight round semi-final almost resulted in a fatality when Ron Oliver, of Brooklyn, 176, scored a 56 seconds seventh round TKO over Tom Kocan, of New York, 174¼. Referee Barney Smith called a halt.

Kocan was given a thorough going over by his squatty opponent and no sooner did the official halt the bout than Tom collapsed in a heap, flat on his back, and it took fast action by Dr. Edwin Campbell to bring him around. This bout should have been stopped sooner.

The show started out with a kayo procession in the first three scraps. David Smith, 131¾, stopped local Alberto Miranda, 135, in round two. . .

Domenico Monaco, from Naples, Italy, 135, also scored a third round TKO over Cletus Hayes, of Newark, 133.

Jim Gibney, College Point, N.Y., halted Segundo Ochoa, from Quito, Ecuador. Each weighed 160. The referee called it off in the third round.

Hector Diaz, New York, 131, scored a four round win over local Danny Figueroa, 128, unanimous decision.

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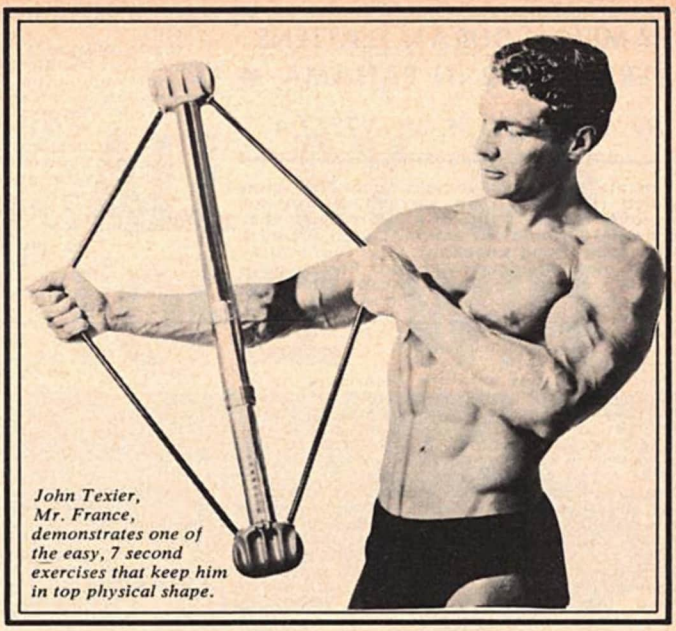

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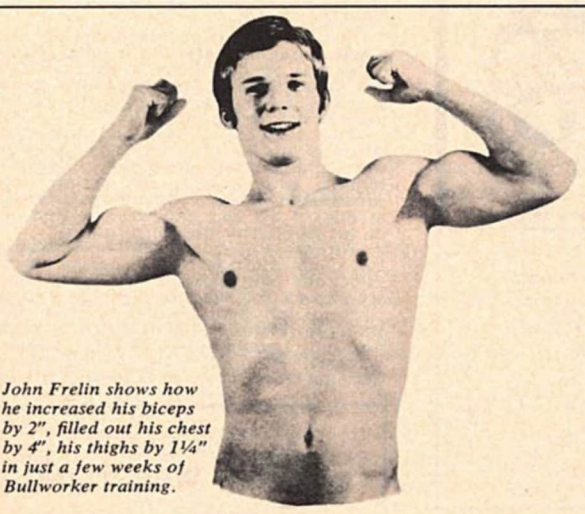

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CHAMPION DURAN FLATTENS ● FERRAT IN 2 IN PANAMA ●

By ALBERTO M. MONTILLA

Panama, R.P. — World lightweight champion Roberto (Rocky) Duran sparked a night of knockouts in four bouts of a 5-card show that had only 10 rounds of action. Duran scored a 2:45 second-round knockout, after four knockdowns, over Mexican Gerardo Ferrat in a non-title affair at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum.

The victory was Duran's 29th by KO, with 5 decisions, in 35 fights. His only loss came against Puerto Rico's Esteban DeJesus by decision last October in New York's Madison Square Garden.

Ferrat came out with the determination of swapping punches, and Rocky didn't hesitate in answering the call. After a clinch, Ferrat landed a stiff left to the champion's mouth, but Rocky moved in and combined a left hook to the mid-section with a powerful right to the jaw that sent the Mexican to the canvas for the obligatory eight-count seconds before the bell.

In the second round, after landing a hard right to Duran's head, the Mexican again insisted on exchanging punches, and was floored for the first of three knockdowns at 1:11. He was up with the count halfway. Duran continued his assault and decked him for a second time almost a minute later. After the count, Duran landed a right to Ferrat's jaw that sent him to the deck for the end at 2:45. Referee Vivian Stewart raised Duran's hand. Exit Ferrat.

Duran weighed 137¼, and Ferrat, 137½.

Enrique (Mamadedo) Alonso, 127½, scored an easy 2:10 first round knockout over Nicaraguan Hermes Silva, 127, in the semifinal, which ended with only a left-and-right combination thrown by the victor. The Nicaraguan was booed thunderously. The 21-year-old Alonso's record is now 12 victories, 9 by KO, in 13 bouts. His only loss came by a 4th-round knockout against Rigoberto Riasco, Oct. 28, 1972, in a national featherweight championship match.

Mario Mendoza, 124½, scored a technical knockout over Antonio Espinosa, 124, in the second round. The contest was halted by the referee a little before the bell.

Marcos Antonio Britton, 119¼, gained a first-round KO victory over Victor Lopez, 123¼, after decking him three times. The third knockdown came at 2:32 after Britton landed a solid right to the jaw.

Jorge Bernal, 123¼, won by unanimous decision over Loitoriel Chacon, 120¼, in four.

▲**Panama, R.P.** — Miguel Riasco, 131¼, went into the ring an underdog, but combined classical boxing with fast punches against Costa Rican Jose Isaac Marin, 131¾, to gain a unanimous decision in a 10-round bout at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum.

A crowd of 3,586 paid produced a gate of $7,219.

Judge Harmodio Cedeno voted 98-96; judge Rodolfo Hill, 99-95 and referee Salomon Allen had a 99-96 scorecard. The Ring scored it 98-97 in favor of Riasco.

The local fighter took charge from the opening-bell, landing fast combinations that sent the Costa Rican into retreat.

In the semifinal, Alfonso Lopez, 112½, took a unanimous decision from Enrique (Tranquita) Brown, 114¼, in a six-rounder. Brown was decked twice.

Marco Antonio Britton, 119½, made an impressive pro debut by scoring a 1:12 first-round knockout over Aristides Caceres, 120, in a scheduled four rounder.

Rodolfo "Bebe" Francis, 113½, son of the former Panama bantamweight cahmpion, a resident of Brooklyn for almost a decade, also made his first pro appearance an exciting one, as he battered Luis Guerrero, 114, to take a unanimous decision in four, and Mario Mendoza, 123¾, pulverized Roberto Flores, 124½, in 1:48.

▲Former lightweight champion, Ismael Laguna made his debut as a promoter with a 5-card boxing-show at the hoary Neco de la Guardia gymnasium.

A near capacity crowd grossed $2,220.

The 10-round feature between Colombian Jesus Zantiz, 127, and the home-town Adalides Munoz, 127¼, who recently came back from a long campaign in South America, was a brisking contest for the first nine minutes with the Colombian taking everything from his opponent and counter-attacking with more powerful punches to upset his physical condition.

In the fourth, it took Zantiz only 25 seconds of the round for the referee to halt the one-sided match and declare him the winner after Munoz had unsuccessfully resorted to the ropes to avoid punishment. It's this correspondent's opinion after what was seen, that Adalides Munoz has gone over the hill, and should call it quits.

Javier Espinosa, 115, decisioned Arnulfo (Panterita) Romero, 115¾, for a second time in a six-rounder.

Mauro Quiroz, 123¼, was awarded a victory over Pedro Moreno, 123, who was disqualified by the referee for butting and pressing his thumb into his opponent's eyes.

Reynaldo (Hormiguita) Hidalgo, 122, made a successful pro debut by scoring a 2:28 fourth-round TKO over Alberto Sanchez, 122½, in a four-rounder.

Baby San Blas III, 113¾, TKO'd Luis Guerrero, 114, in the third of a four-round curtain raiser. It was a toe-to-toe battle while it lasted. San Blas III was floored in the first, and after taking the 8-count standing, he went into an exchange of blows right down to the bell. The second round was a give-and-take by both fighters. But in the third, the Panamanian Indian showed much more stamina and punished Guerrero with sharp lefts and rights to the body and the head until the referee halted the bout.

▲**Panama, R.P.** — Gilberto (Puma) Herazo, 128¾, danced, back-pedalled and battered against Miguel Riasco, 130, for the first five rounds to make him lose his cool. Then Heraza went into frequent exchanges and counter-attacks in the second-half to score a unanimous decision in a 10-round contest at the old Neco de la Guardia gymnasium.

A crowd of 1,617 fans that produced a gate of $3,612 saw Riasco chase his opponent all over the ring trying to trap him during the first four rounds. But the cunning Herazo skillfully jabbed and danced, counter-punched and retreated while Riasco was missing most of his punches, and losing.

While Riasco was unable to do any further damage to the cut in the following rounds, Herazo led the attack and had his opponent in bad condition several times. But his experience saved him from being knocked out.

In the co-feature, Salvadorean Rodolfo (Pato) Fuentes, 129¼, was TKO'ed by Mario Molo, 127¾, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

In the 4-round preliminaries, Mario Mendoza, 123½, won on a third round knockout over Daniel Herrera, 124¼ pounds; Marcos Britton, 119¾, decisioned Jorge "Topogigio" Bernal, 120; and Rodolfo (Bay-Bay) Francis, 123½, scored a technical knockout over Hector Martinez, 125¼, in two rounds.

▲Rafael Ortega, 126¾, added another victory to his string by scoring a technical knockout over Jesus Zantiz, 127, of Colombia, in 2:42 of the 6th-round in a scheduled ten-round feature contest promoted by former lightweight champion Ismael Laguna at the Nuevo Panama Coliseum.

For the first three rounds, Ortega was confused by his opponent's clumsy style and received some hard body blows. In the fourth, it seemed as if he was on his way to a defeat when the Colombian continued his assault with a barrage of punches to the body and the head.

Ortega, the more clever fighter, came back in the fifth boxing and counter-punching with left hooks and straight rights to Zantiz's head to take the round.

In the sixth, after swapping punches, Ortega landed three fast lefts to the head followed by a right that opened a cut above the Colombian's left eye. Ortega continued his attack with punches from all angles until referee Isaac Herrera halted the match.

The semi final saw an easy victory for Alfonso San Martin, 131¼, by knockout in the third of an eight-rounder over Luis Molina, 134. Molina, who hadn't seen action since 1969, substituted for Julio Davis. He suffered a cramp in one of his legs and was counted out sitting on his stool after the third round.

Alfonso Lopez, 113, ran his unbeaten record to nine victories by scoring a technical knockout over Maximo Figueroa, 113, in 2:55 seconds of the second round of a scheduled 6.

Reynaldo (Hormiguita) Hidalgo, 123½, and Eduardo Mena, 125, fought to a draw in a 4-round preliminary bout, while Indian "Charol" Mendez, 114, scored a unanimous decision over Baby San Blas III, 113¾.

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By DON FRASER

LOS ANGELES – Danny (Little Red) Lopez, one of the best attractions in California boxing, collected win No. 18, also knockout No. 18, stopping Cesar Ordunez, 122½, Mexico City, at the Olympic Auditorium.

Lopez pitched and Cesar caught. The fight was one-sided and the manager of Ordunez, Lupe Serrano, called it a night at the end of the sixth round. The Mexican was cut over both eyes.

Danny, who weighed 122, is interested in going after the bantamweight or featherweight title, providing a promoter can deliver the champion.

The scheduled 10-rounder was televised locally, but still 4,500 folks showed up and paid $9,350.

Jose Miranda, 147, East Los Angeles, KO over Lennie Chavez, 147, Los Angeles, (3); Mike Hernandez, 128½, Los Angeles, decisioned Ramon Perez, 126½, East Los Angeles, (4); Charley Brooks, 178, Los Angeles, got the verdict over Chuck Zellers, 171, Los Angeles, (6).

▲**Also at Olympic** – Panama's featherweight chieftain, Rigoberto Riasco, 127¼, gave Jose Angel Herrera, 126, Long Beach, a boxing lesson, but after ten tame rounds, he had to settle for a split decision win.

Referee George Latka came up with Herrera as the better man, 5-4, but was overruled by judges Larry Rozadilla and Bobby Rings, who voted 5-4, 4-3, respectively for the Panamian.

There were no knockdowns, but Riasco was clearly superior in the early and late rounds.

Flavio Barcena, 117, East Los Angeles, decision over Juan Lopez, 118½, Mexico, (6); Roberto Hernandez, 135, West L.A., KO over Luis Marquez, 136½, Los Angeles, (6); Raul Rosette, 117, Los Angeles, KO over Tomas Huerta, 118, East Los Angeles, (1).

▲**Anaheim** – Swift punching Art Hafey, 125, Nova Scotia, was all over Jose Valdez, 125, Tijuana, winning by a knockout in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Convention Center.

Hafey, now based in San Diego, is managed by former Canadian light heavyweight champion, Burke Emery, and Suey Welch.

Francisco Rodriguez, 120, East Los Angeles, stopped Pollo Lara, 119½, Fresno (6); Felix Alvarado, 138, Los Angeles, outpointed Tony Bellard, 138½, Orange, (6); Brigido Martinez, 120, Mexico, verdict over Joaquin Heredia, 120½, Fresno, (6); George Sanborn, 129, Los Angeles, decisioned Jose Infante, 127½, Mexico, (4).

▲**San Jose** – Ghana's Love Allotey, 127, had too many left-right combinations for Aurelio Muniz, 131½, Tampico, Mex., to handle in their 10-rounder at Civic Auditorium.

Allotey, now fighting out of San Jose, was a winner of seven out of the ten rounds.

Danny (Little Red) Lopez (right), who stopped Cesar Ordunez for his 18th straight KO in 18 starts, is shown here against victim No. 11, Arturo Pineda of Mexico, who was taken care of in the fourth round.

Alberto Reyes, 130, Manila, P.I., decisioned Ray Echavarria, 131, San Jose, (10); Baby Joe Johnson, 118, San Francisco, and Celso Tupas, 121, San Jose, drew (6).

▲**Los Angeles** – Former California welterweight leader Irish Gil King, 146½, was no match for Hipolito Barajas, 139½, in their 10 round main event at Olympic.

King ran out of gas midway in the scrap. He was taking loads of punishment when the contest was halted midway in the seventh round. King now makes his home in Las Vegas. Barajas is from Mexico City.

Andy Price, 140, Los Angeles, stopped Akira Fujikura, 139½, Tokyo, (3); Felton Marshall, 160½, Los Angeles, decision over Bobby Jarvis, 164, Los Angeles, (6); Raul Rosete, 116, Mexico, outpointed Tsuneo Agarie, 116, East Los Angeles, (4).

▲**Sacramento** – Veteran lightweight Jimmy Robertson had to climb off the floor to gain a draw with Miguel (Mike) Mayon on their 10-rounder at Memorial Auditorium.

This was Robertson's first outing since being stopped by Roberto Duran last January. He was rusty and only with a late rally was he able to hold Mayon even.

Robertson weighed 137¾; Mayon, 137.

King Henry Tavake, 172½, Samoa, KO over Budda Brooks, 178½, Oakland, (6); Bobby Stewart, 178½, Oakland, decision over Harold Dutra, 195, Half Moon Bay, (6); Don Serratore,

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DeFAZIO AND ZAVALA IN ● VERY CLOSE VEGAS DRAW ●

By ROBERT MOSS

Las Vegas, Nev. — For a change, local fighters highlighted the month's action here. Of 14 bouts staged recently seven were won by fighters who call Las Vegas their home.

Though he was not one of the winners, it was a transplanted Las Vegan, young Rocky DiFazio, who caused the most excitement. The formula that pitted young DiFazio, who fights out of Chicago, with veteran Rossario Zavala brought a capacity crowd to the event, one of the weekly fight cards put on by promoter Bill Miller at the Silver Slipper on the Las Vegas Strip.

Trying for his eighth knockout and ninth win in a row, DiFazio never could get across the big punches which had excited local crowds in his previous appearances. In the end, the best he could get from the cagy Zavala was an unpopular draw. The majority of the audience yelling that Zavala had won.

With the capacity crowd, including a block which had followed their fighter, DiFazio, on the edge of their seats, Zavala, 154, of San Diego, surprised the crowd by getting off fast. He had roughly three times as many professional fights as DiFazio but was still considered the underdog.

Fighting from a southpaw stance, Zavala threw everything he had at Rocky, 156½, in the early rounds and though he piled up points on the judges' cards, he could not dent Rocky.

From the fourth round on, DiFazio began to connect. At times it seemed he might drop Zavala on his own maroon shorts. But Rocky was mostly head hunting. Zavala knew his ring and prevented DiFazio from rarely landing more than one of his bombs at a time.

In the tenth round, with DiFazio's head bleeding, the two stood toe to toe.

The three judges saw this final round in different ways. Bill Kipp, who scored the fight 47-44 and Art Lurie who called the contest a draw both thought that Zavala had won the final three minutes. But Lou Tabat who declared the fight for DiFazio by a point, scored the round even.

Despite his impressive record coming into the battle, for DiFazio who is managed by a team representing the Stardust Hotel, it was only his second main event. He had won his eighth straight fight by stopping Franklin Wilson in Chicago short of the 10 round distance.

The draw evened Zavala's record at 14-14-2. Unfortunately his trainer, Danny Rodriguez of the Sid Flaherty-Rodriguez stable was not present to see his fighter's fine performance being with other of his flock in Reno. In Zavala's last fight he had lost a decision to Candee Barnes of Las Vegas.

▲For local fans the performances of Willie Jensen, a flyweight, and heavyweight George Clark were far more satisfying. Each, a regional Golden Gloves winner, won their third professional fight by stopping their opponent.

Jensen, 112, stopped Nate Espinoza, 118, of Los Angeles in the third round of a scheduled four. An extremely classy little guy, the tiny 18 year old seems to have a bright future, especially considering the dearth of men in his weight classification in this country. Espinoza as well as Jensen's other two victims all outweighed him by several pounds.

Clark also looks like a good prospect but seems to have a problem of weight, being too big for the light-heavy class but without the heft of the bruisers in the top division. However, against Billy Anderson, 198, of Los Angeles, it did not seem to bother him. Weighing 185, Clark knocked out his opponent in the first round of what was to be five.

On a more advanced level, there was much heavyweight activity.

The well-traveled George "Scrapiron" Johnson enjoyed himself so well the last time he was here (he scored a KO over Dave Sherman) he returned for an encore and stopped Terry Sorrels, 216, of Austin, Texas.

Both of these men have been around, Johnson having fought three world champions—but Sorrels seems to be a particular example of some bad handling as he was tossed to George Foreman in only his sixth pro-fight.

By contrast, Terry Krueger of San Antonio, 200, who knocked out Amado Vasquez, 179, of Durango, Mexico in the fifth round of a companion ten, has been well protected.

When Terry stretched Vasquez for several minutes with a left hook it marked his 25th KO in as many fights, including 16 in the first round. But Terry has also taken six losses and of these, five had been by KO. The battle with Vasquez marked the first time Krueger, who has yet to meet any of the top men in his division, fought outside the state of Texas.

Vasquez has an unimpressive record. But many of the smaller man's losses have been to top light-heavyweights. He took the fight on extremely short notice, subbing for Juan Olvera whom the Mexican boxing federation claims has a record of 18-1-1.

Krueger, who was traveling with fellow Texan, Sorrels, showed a good snapping jab which set Vasquez up for the finisher.

Sorrels, meanwhile, frustrated by Johnson who used his superior bulk to crowd and wear down his man inside, suddenly blew up and when referee Mike Kaplan was breaking him from a clinch, he suddenly turned on the referee and shoved him and then followed that by a punch.

Kaplan, a former fighter himself, responded with a neat uppercut to the contestant's face and with spectators howling at Sorrels, he awarded the fight to Johnson, who had been walking about the ring shrugging his shoulders with a "What can happen next?" expression.

Kaplan's verdict was over-ruled by Nevada boxing commissioner, Jackie Fields. Since this melee had occurred at the end of the first round, there was about a five minute intermission preceding the second heat as the various parties cooled off and decided what they would do.

Though the incident could not match the sheer artistry of Dempsey-Firpo it gave Nevada fight audiences some unexpected thrills.

The fight, when it was resumed, seemed dull by comparison as Johnson continued to wear down Sorrels who seemed to drop almost from exhaustion as from Johnson haymakers which put him down at the end of round three and twice more in the next heat.

▲Barnes, 141, coming back from a long layoff of three years until the end of 1971, followed up his win over Zavala with a unanimous ten round decision over Ken Brooks, 135, of Los Angeles. Brooks entered the ring with a record of 12 wins in 15 fights, including two draws. But he had only gone the ten round distance once before and in a fight marred by numerous clinches, Barnes' superior ring generalship gave him a clear edge.

Neither fighter went down. Barnes was pretty able to keep the action where he wanted it, at long range, where he could use his quick left jabs and hooks. When Brooks did get inside, Barnes was able to tie him up and prevent any damage.

DiFazio's stablemate, Tony Ortega, made his professional debut on the same card as Rocky after an impressive amateur career. If Rocky is sometimes described as a small Marciano, then Ortega's fighting style somewhat resembles another Rocky—Graziano. He had all the best of it in beating Frankie Buentro, 150, of L.A. in a five round semi-main. But Ortega, 146, was too eager to finish his outclassed opponent and missed numerous opportunities for a KO having to settle for a one-sided decision. He impressed the crowd with his willingness to mix.

For two other Las Vegas fighters, the month did not go as well.

Valentine Kelly, the well-traveled singing pugilist, had to do another rendering of the blues after being stopped by Marco Gerardo, another of the Flaherty-Rodriguez stable. Gerardo, 155, took advantage of Kelly's poor conditioning and his own longer reach to pile up points on the veteran.

Kelly, 155½, was behind when Dr. Donald Romeo stopped the contest at 1:07 of the ninth round with Valentine bleeding from cuts inside his mouth and at the eye.

Just as his stablemate, Jose Martin Flores, had done in his return match with Kelly, Gerardo worked the veteran's body and had him on the ropes more than he likes. It was Gerardo's first win after two knockout defeats at the hands of David Oropeza and Peter Cobblah.

Ezra Davis, Jr. extended his record to four wins without defeat when he punched out a unanimous six round decision over Manuel Castillo, 139, of Del Zura. But later in the month, Davis, weighing 142, the same as he had weighed against Castillo, saw his embryonic streak end when he was stopped by tough Jeff Lucas, in the fourth round.

Davis was holding his own with Lucas when toward the end of round three, Jeff, 148, caught him with a left hook and followed with a rapid 1-2 to the head. Davis was out on his feet when the bell rang for the next round and referee Ferd Hernandez stopped the contest with Davis unable to defend himself.

It was Lucas' eighth win in twelve fights. Still a preliminary fighter, trainer Rodriguez has trouble getting fights for him. In his last fight here he had DiFazio on the floor for the first time in the Chicagoan's career, before he was knocked out by Rocky in round six.

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CLARK OUTBOXES ZURLO TO GAIN EUROPE'S BANTAM TITLE

By RON OLVER

LONDON, England – Johnny Clark, 116, added the European bantamweight title to his British crown by unanimously outpointing Italian Franco Zurlo, 118, over 15 rounds, at Albert Hall. The title had been vacant.

The three officials scored as follows – referee Ben Brill, (Holland) 73-72; judge Robert Desgain (Belgium) 73-69; and judge Robert Baldeyrou, 72-70. I made Clark's margin greater than either official scored it.

Zurlo showed little inclination to do any leading at any time, and only in the later stages did he open out. Apart from that Clark got home with an accurate left jab to the face with regularity.

This fight was in direct contrast to the one in which Clark won his British crown by outpointing Paddy Maguire. Then it was slam-bang all the time. On this occasion it was a battle of tactics, boxed at a comparatively slow pace, but as the only thing that matters is the score-line, Clark was obviously waging the right sort of war.

Zurlo was cut over the left eye in the second, and on the left cheek in the eighth. Clark was slightly cut by the left eye, and bruised around the right in the later stages.

Zurlo kept switching to southpaw and back, but this action didn't have any effect on Clark, who kept popping his left jabs into his opponent's face, with only spasmodic response from the Italian.

Zurlo was content to keep away, and as far as possible. This made it difficult for Clark to reach him, and there was little to enthuse over.

From the fifth Clark started to bring his right more into play, but the pattern was still mainly the same, with brief flurries from Zurlo, who was cut on the nose in the sixth.

Little was seen of Zurlo as an attacking force until the twelfth, when he threw some quick punches from both hands. But the only way he could have won this fight then was by a stoppage.

As Zurlo increased his work-rate, Clark was inclined to punch with him, which wasn't really the thing to do. The Italian was finding more openings as Clark traded blows, whereas as long as Clark was jabbing Zurlo could find no way through the Britisher's defense.

So Clark got caught more, but was still in command. The last two rounds were hectic, Zurlo fighting more in desperation now, but not gaining any advantage.

The announcement that Clark was the

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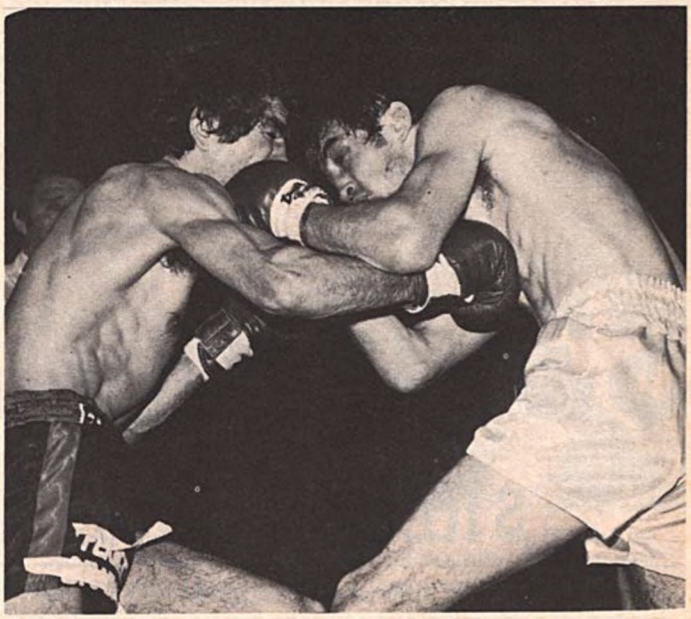

Johnny Clark (right) and Franco Zurlo mix it up at close quarters during their 15-round bout for the vacant European bantamweight title in London. Clark won the decision and the championship.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(As of June 15, 1973)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Danny McAlinden (I)

1. George Chuvalo (C)
2. Joe Bugner (E)
3. Bunny Johnson (J)
4. Richard Dunn (E)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. Les Stevens (E)
7. Rocky Campbell (Ant.)
8. Mani Vaka (T)
9. Bill Drover (C)
10. Wendell Newton (B)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
Chris Finnegan (E)

1. John Conteh (E)
2. Roy John (W)
3. Johnny Frankham (E)
4. Baby Boy Rolle (B)
5. Ronnie Wilson (C)
6. Lloyd Walford (J)
7. Greg McNamara (A)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Al Sparks (C)
10. Peter Asando (G)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Battling Laavassa (S)
4. Alan Minter (E)
5. Larry Paul (J)
6. Harry Scott (E)
7. Don McMillan (S)
8. Mick Cain (E)
9. Roy Lee (J)
10. Alipaxte Korovou (T)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Charkey Ramon (A)

1. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
2. Mark Rowe (E)
3. Pongi Lee (T)
4. Donato Paduano (C)
5. Carlos Marks (T)
6. Matt Donovan (T)
7. Tom Imrie (S)
8. Frank Young (I)
9. Pat Dwyer (E)
10. Paul Lovi (A)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. Eddie Blay (G)
2. Marshall Butler (C)
3. John H. Stracey (E)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Bobby Arthur (E)
7. Peter Cobblah (G)
8. Ricky Porter (E)
9. Paul Moore (A)
10. Elisha Obed (B)

LIGHT-WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Joe Tetteh (G)
2. Pat McCormack (I)
3. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
4. Joey Santos (NZ)
5. Eric Briggs (NZ)
6. Johnny Summerhays (C)
7. Johnny Phillips (A)
8. Leo Young (A)
9. Dave Edwards (A)
10. Mark Duffy (A)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Percy Hayles (J)

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Manny Santos (NZ)
3. Al Ford (C)
4. Jim Watts (S)
5. Jonathan Dele (N)
6. Jeff White (A)
7. Colin Cassidy (A)
8. Andy Broome (A)
9. Rex Downward (A)
10. Johnny Cheshire (S)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
Bobby Dunne (A)

1. Toro George (NZ)
2. Love Allotey (G)
3. Tommy Glencross (S)
4. Evan Armstrong (S)
5. Jimmy Bell (S)
6. Bingo Crooks (J)
7. Howard Hayes (E)
8. Billy Waith (W)
9. Lucky Gattellari (A)
10. Mick Heafey (A)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Johnny Clark (E)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Dave Needham (E)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Colin Miles (W)
6. John Kellie (S)
7. Fred Burns (A)
8. Wayne Wallace (A)
9. Willie Leslie (A)
10. Paddy Graham (I)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Henry Nissen (A)

1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Bob Eggleton (A)
3. Big Jim West (A)
4. David Natta (Zambia)
5. Steve Bell (A)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

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Seattle heavyweight Boone Kirkman, now on the comeback trail, was schooled by the late-great Jack Hurley. The young battler now is his own manager, arranges his own matches, and has a lot to say about the entire promotion of any show he appears in. This was Jack Hurley all the way. I am afraid, though—without Jack around anymore—even though "Boom-Boom", as he is affectionately called by his loyal followers in the Pacific Northwest, has learned a lot—he will have a tough time reaching the heavyweight heights.

It was just a case of pushing a youngster too far—too fast—and consequently, Mendoza Group fighter—Marcel Clay fell victim to veteran Dennis Riggs—who fought a crafty fight. . .in a Miami Beach ring. . . Not a word from Irish Johnny Coiley, the former New England middleweight leader, since he deserted the fight beat the day before he was supposed to make his ring comeback. . .Bill Daly is still hoping for a title shot with George Foreman for his Jose "King" Roman and if it could be closed for Freeport in the Bahamas, it would be a sell-out—or even in San Juan, P.R.. . .Max Marek, who won over Joe Louis in the amateur ranks, is now the owner of an antique shop in Chicago. . .Bobby Melnick, former manager of middleweight Ralph "Tiger" Jones back in the "fabulous fifties". . .the age of the "boob-tube". . .when Jones was appearing on TV every Wednesday night, it seemed, is promoting boxing in Seattle and Anchorage, Alaska. . .he is 76. . .Ernie Terrell, Chicago heavyweight, is 34 and engaged in a comeback campaign. . .A group of businessmen who wish to remain anonymous, have paid Marvin Johnson, a member of last year's U.S. Olympic Games boxing team, $25,000 to box professionally under their management—if Johnson is to be paid a weekly salary, the group, who admittedly know nothing about boxing, will have to wait a long time for their investment to pay dividends. . .that is if he makes out at all as a pro. . .it's a gamble.

When unbeaten John L. Sullivan met Eddie Mazon at Stateline's Sahara Tahoe hotel—the winner got $1,500 of the purse, the loser $500—and that arrangement could be the answer to the too-often bickering over guarantees—percentages and which contestant is worth more. When Mac Foster boxed Muhammad Ali in Tokyo 13 months ago, he weighed 211¾—but when he boxed Sam McGill in Chicago the other night he was a whopping 247—Mac should get himself into shape if he plans to fight. . .Veteran San Francisco manager and gym owner, Joe Herman made a trip to Europe looking for fistic talent, and after being out of the hospital with a hernia operation just 3 weeks—Joe is pushing 76.

Boston promoter Sam Silverman has found the ideal massive gym for his shows—centrally located in Massachusetts—he is using the Brockton, Mass., high school gym—seating capacity over 3,000 and facilities are elaborate. . .Hiawatha Gray has a promising lightweight in Dale Hernandez who is undefeated in 17 outings and is ready to go with name fighters—he is the kid brother of Art Hernandez, the former ranking middleweight. . .Former junior welter champ, Mushy Callahan is on the mend after a gallstone operation. . .Mel Epstein could have had Irish Mike Nixon boxing Carlos Salinas in Sacramento—but he couldn't take the fight because he couldn't produce the fighter—Nixon was in New York with his brother-in-law, Mike Quarry. . .Ex-gob Ralph Palladin is ailing in Baltimore. . .Chris Dundee, Miami Beach promoter, has his son, Michael, doing his public relations. . .Lou Gross was a kid trainer when Teddy Hayes was a great one—Teddy was Jack Dempsey's trainer—and Lou loved those old days around Chicago and its Dreamland Ballroom—Teddy is now 84 years young and Gross is 63. . .At Miami Beach, California, heavyweight Henry Clark has deserted the Joe Herman stable and will try to do it on his own. . .Loren Cassina will handle George Foreman's TV fights over closed circuit or home showing when the king decides to sign for a battle. . .Ernie Terrell and his "heavyweights" appeared at the Hilton in Las Vegas. . .Frankie Crawford has retained an attorney to fight the latest lifting of his boxing license following a loss to Bobby Chacon. . .Jimmy Bivins, former heavyweight, is a boxing judge in his hometown. . .Leo Rodak, who suffered a heart attack six months ago is back working for the State of Illinois. . .You would be surprised how many rabid fight fans are pulling for Ezzard Charles to get well from what people call "Lou Gehrig's disease.". . .Gary Canzoneri, nephew of the former champ, doing o.k. with his new job as manager of the Coffee-Cup at Miami Beach for Jack Magle. . .After getting one look at Jimmy Heair, the Wyoming cowboy puncher—who is unbeaten in West Coast rings, veteran pilot Bill Daly predicted a bright future for the young Heair—Bill managed Carlos Ortiz to the lightweight crown. . .and he figures Heair might duplicate Carlos' feat. . .Mickey "The Kid" Davies has Bobby Chacon and Danny Lopez on a collision course—but he must ante up more money to close the match. . .Gary Farr, son of former heavyweight Tommy, is a guitarist with his own group. . .while Tommy is working for a paint outfit in England and traveling over 2,000 miles each week as a p.r. man. . .Duane Bobick has been launched on a professional career by millionaire Bill Daniels of Denver—Duane is now a stablemate of heavyweight Ron Lyle. . .When Gary Broughton, top ranked Canadian middleweight is not boxing, he works for his mother as a bookkeeper—she owns an exclusive dress shop and a number of rooming houses in Brantford, Ontario. . .Mrs. Edna Toppi, widow of the former fight promoter, Jimmy, will stage boxing shows in the Philadelphia Arena. . .she will be that city's third promoter, together with J. Russell Peltz and septuagenarian Herman Taylor who is back in business. . .Joe Gramby will assist Mrs. Toppi in setting up the shows. . .California's light-heavyweight Terry Lee is back in action after being on the shelf for almost a year with bad hands. . .Tony Petronelli is a kid to watch in the lightweight class in the not too distant future—Tony is boxing in New England rings—and improves with each outing.

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MUNDINE, MONZON SCORE KNOCKOUTS

By J. A. TREE

ROME, Italy – An Argentinian, an Australian and a Dane furnished the big news in European boxing recently.

Carlos Monzon, world middleweight champion, knocked out American Roy Dale here in five rounds.

Tony Mundine, the Australian middleweight star, stopped Max Cohen in Paris in four heats.

Cohen's fast exit after a draw with Emile Griffith was a surprise.

Monzon's fight also was a surprise as Dale had been expected to say goodnight much earlier.

In Copenhagen, Tom Bogs, middleweight champion of Europe, defeated American Mike Quarry in a ten-round fight.

Welter Sandro Lopopolo had his last fight. He beat Pietro Gaspari in 10 at Novarra, and called it quits.

At Marseilles, Jean Claude Bouttier stopped American Art Hernandez, in 9.

At Kiel, Germany, Lothar Abend, Germany's only European champion, in the junior lightweight class, held on to his crown by beating French challenger Felix Brami.

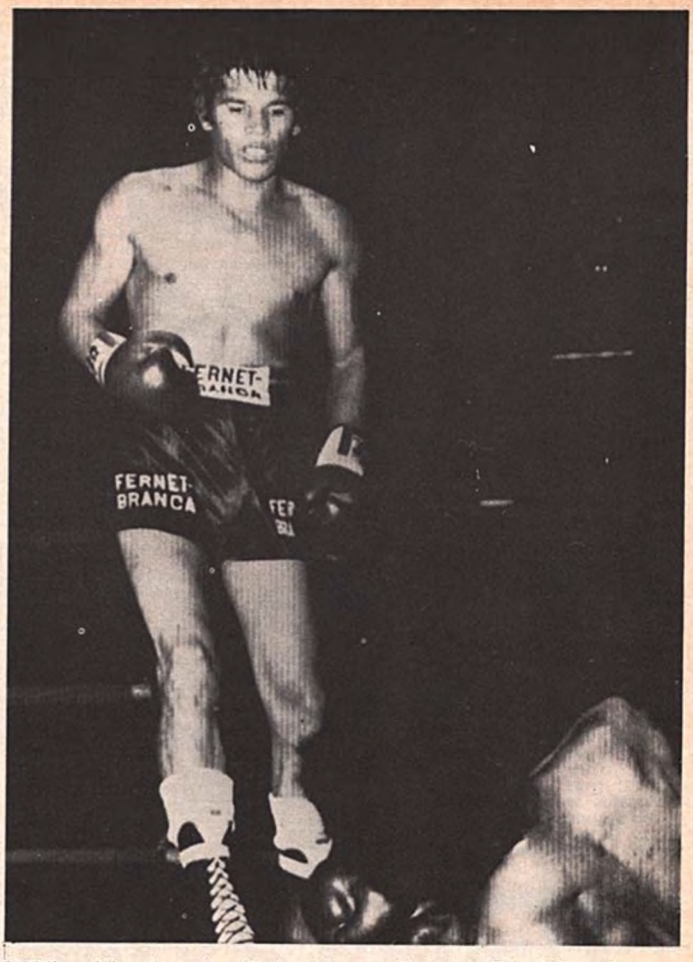
Abend could not afford to lose this one for German boxing needs the likes of this man to keep its head above water until the new boys can take over.

The future of German boxing depends on lads like heavyweights Hartmut Sasse and Bernard August, light heavyweight Leo Kakolewicz, and middleweight Eckhard Dagge, all undefeated in seventeen fights among them.

Opposition for this 'quartet' has not been of a very high standard and none have as yet been tested. These boys must be wishing that they had joined the professional ranks sooner for they have never had it so good. What's more, they are getting paid for knocking over guys who have no right to hold a boxing license.

Some of the foreign opposition imported to face these former amateurs would have been more suited for a vaudeville act. On the other hand, had the man behind this 'quartet', Fritz Gretzschel, engaged stiffer opposition, resulting probably with an early taste of defeat, the German paying public would have cried 'shame'.

Sasse, born July 27, 1949, had 88 amateur fights, winning 70, he drew 4 and lost 14. August, born February 22, 1952, 44 fights, W37, D2, L5. Dagge, born February 27, 1948, 80 contests, W66, D4, L10. *(Continued on page 62)*



Middleweight champion Carlos Monzon looks at Roy Dale, whom he has just floored for the full count in the fifth round of their non-title contest in Rome.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

(As of June 15, 1973)

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Jose Manuel Ibar Urtain (S)
2. Bepi Ros (I)
3. Mario Baruzzi (I)
4. Rudi Lubbers (H)
5. Arno Prick (G)
6. Conny Velensek (G)
7. Jan Lubbers (H)
8. Adriano Rosati (I)
9. Casimiro Martinez (S)
10. Mario Eschevarria (S)

Light Heavies
* John Conteh (GB)
1. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
2. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
3. Renzo Grespan (I)
4. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
5. Mario Almanzo (I)
6. Aldo Traversaro (I)
7. Erik Nussbaum (Switz)
8. Tom Jensen (D)
9. Franco Macchia (I)
10. Bas van Duivenbode (H)

Middleweights
* Tom Bogs (D)
1. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
2. Max Cohen (F)
3. Fabio Bettini (I)
4. Gratien Tonna (F)
5. Sauro Soprani (I)
6. Mario Lamagna (I)
7. Luciano Sarti (I)
8. Peter Tombers (G)
9. Nicola Menchi (I)
10. Elio Caleabrini (I)

Junior Middles
* Carlos Duran (I)
1. Johann Orsolics (A)
2. Jacques Kechichian (F)
3. Francis Vermandere (F)
4. Angel Guinaldo (S)
5. Jose Duran (S)
6. Christian Larsen (D)
7. Domenico Tiberia (I)
8. Aldo Bentini (I)
9. Randolp Hombach (G)
10. Lorenzo Pontiroli (I)

Welterweights
* Rober Menetrey (F)
1. Robert Gallois (F)
2. Marco Scano (I)
3. Jose Gonzalez (S)
4. Giuliano Nervino (I)
5. Jacques van Mellaerts (F)
6. Walter Blaser (Switz)
7. Bruno Meggiolaro (I)
8. Domenico DiJorio (I)
9. Jose Luis Pacheco (S)
10. Valdemiro Riga (I)

Jr. Welterweights
* Cemal Kamaci (T)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Roger Zami (F)
3. Romano Fanali (I)
4. Pietro Ceru (I)
5. Bernard Creton (F)
6. Baldassarre Picone (F)
7. Tony Ortiz (S)
8. Ermanno Fasoli (I)
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8. Dominique Azzaro (F)
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10. Luis Aisa (S)

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3. Tony Sassarini (I)
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2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Dino Contemori (I)
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5. Kid Romero (S)
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HART'S COMEBACK RUINED ● BY JOSE GONZALES IN 9, ● GOSS ONCE MORE VICTOR

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — Boxing seems to have reached a saturation point here with three shows in 15 days. None of the promotions lay claim to have shown a profit. The increased boxing exposure should benefit the eventual victor in the Spectrum-vs-Arena promotional war. So far the only winners have been the fighters and fans.

The long awaited return to the Arena of Eugene "Cyclone" Hart proved to be both exciting and bitterly disappointing for Eugene and his fans. It was just over a year ago that Hart had left hooked himself into the world rankings and was being touted as a future champion.

Then came Nate Collins and "Cyclone's" first loss in 24 bouts. Since then he has acquired a new manager, Jimmy Jacobs, and a new trainer, Cus D'Amato. Unfortunately they were not much help as Eugene's comeback was squashed by veteran contender Jose Gonzales, who scored a 9-round TKO.

For all intents and purposes the fight was won in the second round when Gonzales put Hart flat on his back with a vicious right hook. Hart, up by nine, was shaken up.

Another right hand, of lesser degree, put Eugene down again for a brief count in the opening moments of the third but "Cyclone" got up mad and turned on the heat for the rest of the round. Hart's attack carried the fourth but the Puerto Rican's superior infighting took the next two frames by a wide margin.

Hart, who gave away a big 7 pounds at 159, shot his bolt in the seventh with a frantic assault that won the round but failed to put Gonzales away. The pace slowed in the eighth as both seemed very weary. "Cyclone's" wicked body shots had taken a lot out of Gonzales but he still had more gas left in his tank than Hart.

At the start of the ninth the Philadelphian looked completely spent and was barely able to hold his hands up. Gonzales plodded in and was dishing out some more punishment when Hart turned to his corner with a dazed expression on his face. A towel fluttered into the ring and referee Pete Tomasco stopped it at 1:32.

The fight proved two things. One, that after Hart's 13 month lay-off Gonzales was much too severe of a test. Two, at age 33 Jose is still a master fighter.

Although the crowd looked substantially larger, promoter Herman Taylor announced the gate as $14,720.00 paid by 2,366 fans.

The top preliminary found another local favorite, Luis Lopez, 124, make good his first start in 12 months. His opponent, however, was no test piece. After 3-rounds of absorbing punches s, New England's Carlos Zayas, 124, retired in his corner. The TKO brought Lopez's log to 14-4-1 with 7 KO's.

Baltimore's Alvin Anderson TKO'ed local Elwood Townsend with just one left hook at 2:30 of the first round. Both boxers came in at 156 pounds. Jerome Artis, 132, battered his crosstown rival George Sydnor, out of shape at 137, into a 4-round TKO and Jimmy Young out-mauled Obbie English in an all Philadelphia battle of 205 pounders.

▲**SPECTRUM** — Sammy Goss, 127, once again displayed his fistic talent by soundly thrashing Jorge Ramos, the 129 pound junior lightweight leader of California. Unfortunately the brilliant boxing lesson Goss handed Ramos was witnessed by a relatively small crowd of 3,000. The $16,000 gate was the lowest since the inception of the Spectrum's boxing department.

Ramos applied constant pressure the entire ten rounds in an attempt to utilize his superior strength and height advantage. It was all in vain because Goss's razor sharp counterpunches were right on time throughout the bout. Jorge just couldn't match reflexed with his Trenton, N.J. foe who ducked most of the Californian's lunging punches.

Despite a cut right eyebrow and a badly bruised face, Ramos kept plugging away and earned his share of the applause that started with about 30 seconds remaining in the fight.

William Watson, 148, took the measure of Trinidad's Winston Noel, 146, with a grueling 8-round decision. It looked like the Philadelphian might end it early when a flurry put Noel down in the second, but it was not to be. Winston beat the count and hung tough to last the distance. Although he took a pasting, Noel managed to drop in enough right hands to make it interesting.

Tyrone Everett just keeps racking them up. The exciting young southpaw flash scored his 13th win with a 6-round TKO over New Yorker Danny Figueroa, 126. The Philadelphian, 125, started slowly but was really coming on strong when the referee stepped in. The stoppage was perhaps a little bit premature but Figueroa was fading fast.

Two Cleveland imports scored preliminary victories. Johnny Simpson, 150, stopped Johnny Rohland, 143, in just 1:59 of the first and Ray "Ringo" Carrington, 130, decisioned Camden, N.J.'s Terry Harper in four. Bobby Graso, 147, received a gift decision over fellow localite Luis CarrasQuillo, 143.

▲**ARENA** — For her first promotion of the '73 season Mrs. Toppi and her matchmaker, Charles "Buddy" Wagner, packaged a trio of ten rounders. Although it was an entertaining evening of boxing, the gate was a disappointing $10,120, contributed by a crowd of 2,162.

In the main event local Bobby "Boogaloo" Watts, 155, pitched a near shut out at Gary Broughton, 157. Broughton's role was restricted solely to that of a catcher. Watts landed throughout the bout with crisp punches, but the craggy Canadian never looked close to going down.

Quick-fisted Richie Kates, 176, survived three official knockdowns to score a 10-round points win over Paul Cardoza, 179, from New Bedford, Mass. Kates had the fight well under control the first five rounds and was picking up the pace for the kill when lightning struck.

It struck in the sixth round in the form of a hard right uppercut to the chin and a shove to the shoulders. Down went Kates screaming at referee Bob Polis that he was pushed. After the mandatory 8-count Kates resumed control until the bell.

Cardoza, whose breathing had been hampered by a gory nose, went all out in the seventh. Another good right uppercut sent Richie through the ropes and onto the ring apron for the second knockdown. Kates beat the count but was dropped again by a straight right at the bell.

Instead of pressing his advantage Cardoza lay back the remaining three rounds looking for one big shot and was outpunched by his busier Bridgeton, N.J. rival.

In the best of the three tens Miguel Barreto, 147, and Vernon Mason, 148, battled to a hard fought draw. It was nip and tuck all the way with Barreto mounting a sustained attack in the eighth and ninth to pull ahead. Then in the final frame Mason rallied with a series of brisk combinations to the head. An informal poll of ringsiders was unanimous in favor of Barreto.

Willie Daniels, 137, and Jimmy Lopez, 132, hooked up in a real humdinger. Both men punched non-stop from bell to bell for a six round draw. Lopez hails from Salem, N.H. and Daniels from Trenton.

Comic relief was provided by 260 pound Don Vincente who was flattered with a 4-round draw against Jack Mercandante, no midget himself at 227.

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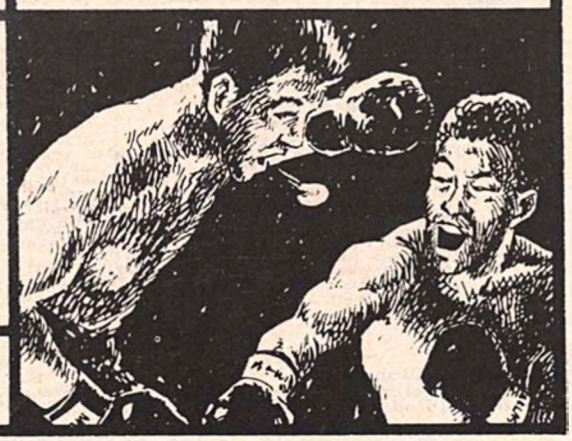

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DUNCAN AND SEALES WIN ● AS RENO REVIVES BOXING ●

By MIKE MARLEY

Reno, Nev. — Reno's first fight show in a year and a half saw easy victories by Carson City's comebacking heavyweight Larry (Irish Pat) Duncan and America's lone 1972 Olympic champ, Sugar Ray Seales.

Promoter Bill Dickson was pleased with the Centennial Coliseum crowd of 1,279 which paid $6,828.

Duncan, 190, had a cream-puff foe in the person of Eduardo Coffey, 194, Obregon, Mexico. "Irish Pat" dispatched the sluggish and sloppy Mexican in five rounds to improve his record to 24-5-1.

After staying out of the ring for one year following his 1971 TKO loss to Earnie Shavers in Reno, Duncan's return has seen him win five in a row.

Seales, the 6-1 139-pounder from Tacoma, Wash., by way of the Virgin Islands, used his seven-inch height advantage over chubby Chico Andrade, 141, Los Angeles, to rack up a third round TKO win.

Seales impressed Nevadans in and out of the ring.

Previously unbeaten (5-0) Jean Mateo, 156, a Basque now living in Stockton, Calif., was given a boxing lesson by cagey Vincente Medina, 157, Tucson, Ariz., over six stanzas.

Why Mateo went in so early in his pro career with a main-event veteran like Medina is a good question.

Undefeated Carson City middleweight John L. Sullivan, an Olympia, Wash., native, is ready to fight Ray Seales. . .One of the nation's top amateur heavyweights is University of Nevada's Atlanta-born product, Emory Chapman.

Former world junior middleweight champion Freddie Little had to bow out of a Lake Tahoe (Sahara-Tahoe, Stateline) bout due to illness. . .George Foreman due in Reno soon for an exhibition.

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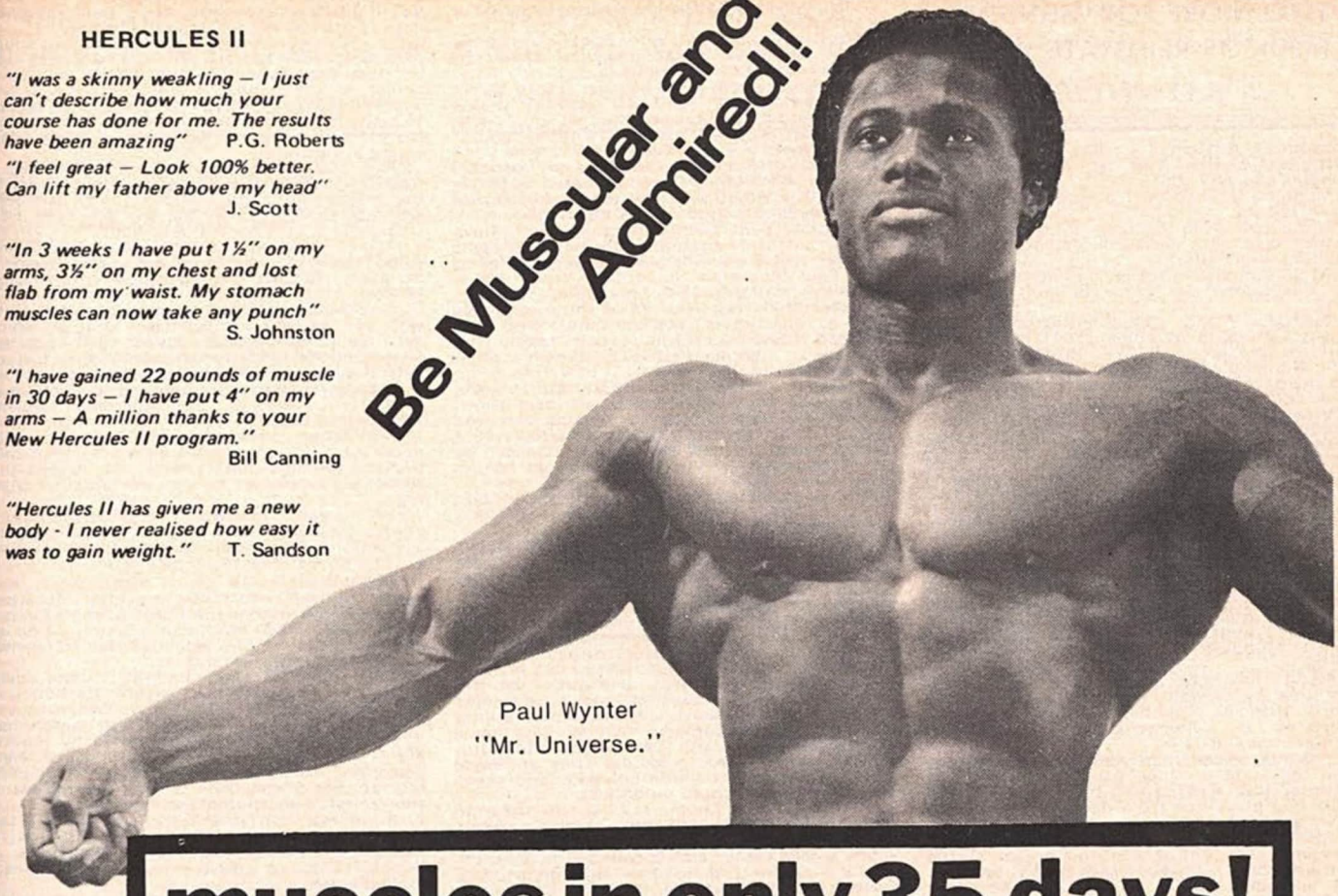

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TWO MORE FOR MUNDINE, MEDICOS REINSTATE WHITE

By RAY MITCHELL

Sydney, Australia — The big stories in Australian boxing have to do with Tony Mundine and Jeff White.

Mundine stopped Puerto Rican Luis Vinales in two rounds.

White has been restored to good medical standing and once again will defend his welter and lightweight titles.

After stopping Vinales, Mundine knocked out Max Cohen, of France, in four rounds at Paris.

Australian and Commonwealth middleweight champion Mundine (161) made short work of Vinales (159½) at Brisbane Festival Hall. Mundine gave Vinales a thorough beating and the doctor told the referee to stop the fight at the end of the second round.

Vinales did not land one effective punch. Mundine took it easy in the first round, cut loose in the second, decked Vinales and committed sheer mayhem.

Referee Des Crabbe later applied a standing count on the Puerto Rican, making it two counts for the round. At the end Vinales was distressed and slumped on his stool. Mundine by KO in round two.

As stated before in these columns, there is no point in sending light hitters here to fight Mundine. Tony is sheer murder on that type of opponent. He is too good for second raters, probably too good for top-raters, too. The only type of middleweight who has any chance against Mundine is a hard-punching tough fighter.

▲White has been passed fit to fight again, this time by Howard Toyne, specialist of the Sports Medicine Foundation, so he has been reinstated as welterweight and lightweight champion of Australia.

You may recall that a doctor's report, sent from the State of Queensland to the State of Victoria, was sent to the state of NSW and White was prevented from defending his welter crown against Paul Moore on March 7.

At that stage it appeared that White's boxing days were over, but he went to a doctor, then a specialist, both of whom gave him a thorough test including EEG, cardiogram and skull x-rays. Pronounced fit, White must be reinstated on his two thrones.

▲In the meantime, two promoters beat the gun. One promoted Paul Moore against Dave Clarke for the "vacant" Australian welter title (March 7), Clarke receiving only five days notice—and foolishly accepting. Moore stopped his man and was acclaimed champion.

Stadiums Ltd., less than two weeks later, promoted Alan Aldenhoven and Michael Karpaney and billed it for the "vacant" welter title, ignoring Moore's win over Clarke. As Moore was leading contender, Clarke 2, Aldenhoven 3, and Karpaney 4, how anyone could call the Aldenhoven-Karpaney fight a title tilt is beyond me. Aldenhoven won by KO in round 12.

But White is OK, has been cleared medically and must be regarded as the real champion.

Some ignore such things as reality. One new promoter, some three weeks after White's clearance, paired Paul Moore with Steve Brown for the "Australian welterweight title", with Moore "defending". That was at Frankston. Moore halted Brown in the 9th round.

In the meantime, promoter Bill Long, who has some big-time promotions behind him, matched White to defend his welter laurels against Rocky Mattioli. Mattioli, who beat Moore at their last meeting, went out of the game for a year or so, recently made a comeback for two quick wins and now poses a threat to all Aussie welters.

▲Not content with throwing the welter division into turmoil, someone has started playing ducks and drakes with White's lightweight throne.

At Marrickville R.S.L. Club, Colin Cassidy (134¾) was paired with Bobby Cotterill (133¾) for the "vacant lightweight championship of Australia"—and someone presented a belt to the winner!

Calling the fight over 2GO, I stated, at the end of the fight, which was won by Cassidy in round 8, referee Patrick stopping the fight: "Colin Betty now trains two cardboard champions—Alan Aldenhoven, welter champion of Melbourne Festival Hall, and Colin Cassidy, lightweight champion of Marrickville R.S.L. Club—for no one seriously could call either an Australian champion."

Apart from the fact that Jeff White holds the lightweight title, his leading contender is Hector Thompson, so even if the title were vacant, how could a lightweight title fight go on without Thompson in one corner?

On top of that, Don Barnes, trainer of Cotterill, told me before the Cassidy fight: "I won't let Bobby fight Thompson for a year to 18 months. He is not ready for Thompson."

Then how could Cotterill be matched for a vacant title!!

▲Getting onto real title fights, Australian and Commonwealth bantamweight champion Paul Ferreri (117½) defended his two titles against Fred Burns (113¾) over 15 in a Bill Long promotion at Carlton (Victoria). It was quite a good battle between the two southpaws, but Ferreri retained his title without doubt, coming home a 73-66 winner on referee Jack Wiebenga's card, and Jack was the only official.

Rocky Mattioli (147½) dispensed with far inferior Eric King (143½) in the third round of a scheduled ten on the Ferreri-Burns card.

Mattioli had been billed against Steve Brown, but after accepting the fight, Brown's manager withdrew him because of an offer to fight Paul Moore in the potted "title" fight. Not the type of principles I condone.

▲The other real title tilt of the month was held at Blacktown R.S.L. Club, with tall red-head Steve Cansdell (170½) taking the Australian light-heavyweight crown from Johnny Gorkom (171).

Cansdell decked Gorkom early but it was a balloon-size eye that cancelled the fight. Referee Vic Patrick, after conferring with the doctor, called it off at the end of the 6th round and crowned Cansdell. Big Steve is managed by Ern McQuillan who also manages Tony Mundine.

In an 8-round main support to Cansdell-Gorkom, Brian Clout (119) outpointed Steve Walker (117) in a good battle.

▲New Zealand Maori Kahu Mahanga (163¾) certainly appears to have the style to please referee Terry Reilly. At Melbourne Festival Hall Kahu seemed to have Christmas come early by being crowned a points winner over Samoan Fred Etuati (160½) now domiciled in Australia.

The decision to Mahanga astonished everyone including yours truly who unofficially carded the fight to Etuati 98-91, a big margin.

These two have met five times in the professional ranks. Four times they have fought under Reilly. Decisions have been three points wins to Mahanga, one draw—and as I saw them, Etuati won the lot, the last one easier than the others. Their other meeting was in New Zealand, Mahanga's home country, and there Etuati won the decision on points.

▲Flashy Milton Cooper (129¼) ran into a lot of trouble in his ten-rounder against Ghanaian Freddie Mensah (129¼) who came to Australia a few weeks earlier and upended Abe Johnson in the 6th round at his Australian debut. The Cooper-Mensah fight took place at Melbourne Festival Hall, and Cooper came home to gain a points decision after some rough passages. On the night that Mensah defeated Johnson in Brisbane (April 13), Cooper had halted Alan Tunney in eight rounds at Elizabeth, South Australia.

▲At Blacktown RSL Club, Sonny Bell (130) also ran into a lot of trouble against Fred Mensah (128¾), being decked and behind on points coming into the sixth round. But nobody ever taught Bell how to go backwards, and he piled into Mensah in that sixth session, slammed in three rips to the body, deposited Mensah over the middle rope, whereupon referee Vic Patrick called a halt and crowned Bell. Fred had had it.

On the same bill, also over 10, Steve Johnson (116) and Wayne Wallace (114) turned on a war that went to Johnson narrowly on points. These two had met over eight rounds three weeks earlier, a draw resulting.

▲Merv Wockner (127½) and Tony Ryder (126) turned on one of the best fights seen for years in Brisbane. Wockner got on top near the end to halt Ryder in the ninth round.

▲Back to Blacktown, where, comebacking Paul Bink (132¾) had an easy night by knocking over Benny McCoy (134½) in the third round. In the other 10 on the bill Rocky Mattioli (149¼) also had an easy night in halting Ted Gray (148) in the 4th round.

▲The following week at the same club, a good bill resulted. In the headliner Greg McNamara, surprisingly light at 158¼, comfortably outpointed Fijian Alipate Korovou (158¼). Over eight, prospect Brian Roberts (114) outpointed Steve Johnson (116). In another 8, Brian Clout (116) outpointed Wayne Wallace (116), and a lot of people did not agree with the verdict in this one. Over six, Steve Walker (118½) outpointed Keith Ball (120). All good bouts.

▲At Redfern, Barry Black (165½) outpointed Gianni Mingardi (164¾) over 10, then, 14 nights later met Semi Bula (157¾) for the vacant N.S.W. State middleweight title at Cammeray.

As referee I gave it to Bula by only one point: 95-94. Quite a good fight but it was discovered later that Black had a broken bone in his right hand.

In an eight on the Bula-Black battle, Rod Christsen (169¼) outpointed Kim Miller (164).

▲At Melbourne Wayne Bannister (148) came from behind to edge the 7th round and have a big 8th which brought him level with New Zealander Bill Fatu (141¾), then Fatu took the 9th to have a lead coming into the last.

Bannister, evidently realizing this, pulled out all the stops in the 10th, staggered Fatu and had him dazed so referee Terry Reilly stopped it and crowned the local lad, Bannister.

In a six Alan Foster (159) outpointed South Australian Phil Barrett (161). Foster was high on Australia's rating list until he ran into a KO defeat at the hands of Alipate Korovou last September. Since then Foster seems to be not so resilient to punches on the jaw, although he has plenty of courage. Barrett caused him some worry in this bout.

▲At Kingsford, Wayne Hall (119) had a runaway points victory over Larry Saddler in the main-event eight. Saddler (119) had been working night shift and he was dog-tired. He's changing his shift for his next fight.

▲One week later at the same club Frank Allen (147) showed outstanding improvement in every department against Pierin Mingon (146).

One second before the end of the 5th there was an accidental head-clash, out of which Allen came with a badly-gashed right eyebrow. I stopped the fight, surrendered my card, along with judges' and Allen received the decision on points as he held a points lead at that stage. This is a rule of the Australian Boxing Federation. Good fight that could go on again.

Following week Dennis Goulder (136) pounded out a unanimous points decision over Fighting Jimmy Metcalfe (133) over eight. Never see either of these two lads in a poor fight.

▲A week following Goulder-Metcalfe—Jimmy Metcalfe (134) saddled up again to earn a points win—close one—over Eddie Buttons (137) who was having his first main.

▲Following week Sam Ngata (172) was billed to meet Alan O'Sughrue but the latter withdrew day before the fight so Norm Phillips (170) substituted. Wasn't in it. After sizing up Phillips in first round, Ngata started to unleash the big guns in the second.

One right knocked Phillips to the ropes whereupon I stopped the fight. No knockdowns but why wait for them when two different classes of fighter are in the ring at same time?

At Blacktown RSL Club, Joe Sorby (162½) did a good journeyman's job against New Zealander Mardi Manuela (158). After an even four rounds Sorby took charge, painted Mardi and ran out a good points winner over ten.

In an eight on same bill, Brian Clout (116) halted Steve Walker (118½) in round five. In another eight Keith Ball (122) stopped J. J. Finlay (122) in third round. Both winners looked good.

▲At Brookvale, Wally Carr (136) outpointed Binky Rominski (135) in a good eight. Same night, at Riverwood Legion Club, former amateur Billy O'Donnell (164) KO 6 Steve Marchant (166).

At Guilford Leagues Club Frank Geebung (128) outpointed Peter Knott (127). A case of Knott lost, not won!

▲At New Lambton, Dennis Harris (173½) outpointed Bobby Dodds (169½) in a good ten. This was their third meeting (previously over four rounds and six), with third win to Harris. Harris now owns Dodds? Nine nights later the two met in a six-round prelim at Blacktown and again Harris was returned a points winner.

▲Final result of the month comes from Melbourne Festival Hall, New Zealander Eric Briggs (103½) got away to a lead over slower-moving southpaw Les Painter (107¼) of Melbourne, but Painter began pressing his attack to pick up some points. They see-sawed for a round or two, then Painter got really on top to win by a go-away margin of points over ten.

BUFFALO SEES CUDNEY STOP ROBERTS IN FOUR HEATS

By HARRY GILL

Buffalo, N.Y. — Irish Rocky Cudney, 151, Buffalo, stopped Denis Roberts, Spartanburg, S.C., 156, after four rounds of an 8. Roberts could not stand toe to toe with Rocky. This was Cudney's fourth K.O. in six bouts. John Taylor, 160, Lockport, KOed Holandus Oliver, 161, Greenville, S.C., in 1 min. 40 sec. of the third round.

Taylor had Oliver down four times. Taylor also found himself looking up at Oliver at the end of the second as the bell sounded.

John came out storming for the third. He proceeded to bombard Oliver until he dropped to the canvas for the full count. Taylor has five K.O's and two losses.

Alan (Ponytail) Kemp, 158, Buffalo, beat Joey Blair, 155, Akron, for a six round decision. It was the first time Kemp has to go the distance in his six pro fights.

Wille (The Flail) Wilson, Syracuse, 175, stopped John Mason, 175, Grand Rapids. The bout was stopped after Mason hit the deck three times in the second.

Eddie Nienmann, 135, Buffalo, made his pro debut a winning one. He decisioned Mike Swiger, 139, Grand Rapids, in a four rounder.

NEUMANN MAULS KIRK ● HELPLESS IN TWO HEATS ●

By RONNIE (BURNS) BOUSE

North Bergen, N.J. — Jimmy Collotto presented a pleasing show before an SRO crowd at Embassy Hall. Spotlighting Randy Neumann, who came back to Jersey after losing to Jerry Quarry at Madison Square Garden. Randy won here in two.

The first saw the very strong Jerseyite, Bang Doug Kirk, 196, Lowell, Mass., former New England heavy leader, all over the ring while Kirk landed only one hook to the body.

As the bell sounded for the second, the battered New Englander was again on the receiving end. Then he ran into a left hook that decked him. He pulled himself erect at the count of 8 but referee Ron Burns signalled it was over.

The six round semifinal saw the veteran Luke Erwin, 125, Bayonne, beat Dario Albarron, 127, N.Y.

Another six saw Johnny Sullivan, 133, North Arlington, split honors with Rubon Gonzales, 130, N.Y.

Ramon DeJesus, 135, N.Y. won a four over Al Miranda, 131, N.Y.

In a four, Frankie Lombardo, 149, N.Y., beat Ralph Shay, 148, N.Y.

▲**Long Branch** — Adrian Bailey, president and founder of the New Jersey Hall of Fame, announced that the fifth annual hall dinner will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23 at Diamond Jim's, Matawan, N.J. Scheduled to be inducted are: Joey Ferrando, Alex Doyle, Patsy Perroni, Joe Kane, Frankie Blair, Freddy "Red" Cochrane, Ernie Ratner, and Larry Reagan.

To be inducted posthumously are: Johnny Kochansily, Harold Farese, Ralph Vona, Ray Rouelli, Freddy Carouso, Ollie Kirk, Frank Orlando, Joe Manning, Jack Marion, Andy Stewart, Ad Stone and Joe Blackwood.

▲**Paterson, N.J.** — Fitzie Pruden, former Canadian welter champ, who fought here under the management of Bill Daly, was honored with a dinner at The Brownstone House. Over 400 were present. Pruden was surprised when his brother, and other relations, flew from Canada and California to make his night complete.

BROUGHTON STOPS RUCKARD ● AFTER FOREMAN EXHIBITS ●

By CHARLEY FENSLER

Windsor, Ontario, Canada — Heavyweight champion George Foreman made his first stop in his five city exhibition tour at the Windsor Arena. The card was promoted by Pro Bouts, Inc. in conjunction with local promoter Jerry McCarthy. The program arranged on one week's notice, resulted in a disappointing crowd of 1,500.

Foreman boxed two rounds each with light heavyweights Eddie "Bossman" Jones and Lonnie Bennett and heavyweight Terry Hinke. George gave an accomplished display of slipping and sliding punches, something rarely seen in his regular bouts.

* All four bouts on the undercard failed to go the scheduled distance. In the feature Gary Broughton, 155, who boxes out of Windsor and Brantford, scored a 4th round TKO over Sammy Ruckard, 150, of Spartansburg, S.C. Broughton hit too hard and often for Ruckard and had him on the canvas three times before referee George Tessier stopped the bout.

In a companion ten, Ernie Shavers, 205, from Akron, Ohio, scored a one round KO over Harold Carter, 185, of Cleveland. Carter, a late substitute, was counted out at 2 min. 10 sec. of round one after receiving a left hook-right cross combination.

Aldo Carelli, 174, Toronto, scored a 4th round TKO over John Mason, 172, of Grand Rapids, in a scheduled six. Carelli started slowly but had Mason down twice in the third and twice more in the fourth before the bout was halted.

Charlie Stewart, 176, of Windsor, scored a 4th round TKO over Reggie Fleming, 190, of Cleveland. Stewart won the first two rounds, scoring repeatedly with left-right combinations, but Fleming came back to win the third round. Stewart came out smoking in round four and floored Fleming with a right cross. When Fleming arose, Stewart had him pinned against the ropes and the referee stopped the bout.

PUERTO RICANS SEE CRUZ ● SHUT OUT SANTOS IN 10 ●

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

Carolina, Puerto Rico — At Country Club Stadium, in the 124 pound class, Leo Cruz scored a ten round shut-out over Luciano Santos. Cruz, younger brother of former lightweight titleholder Teo, is progressing rapidly.

In the 126 pound class Tony Tris outpointed Francisco Cruz in 8 rounds.

Andres Rodriguez flattened Rafael Santana in one.

In the 142 class Laudiel Negron scored his sixth consecutive kayo when he disposed of Julio Guzman in the fourth round.

In the 126 class Enrique Solis kayoed Gilberto Mendez in the 4th round.

▲**At Roberto Clemente Stadium, San Juan** — Junior welter Victor "Millon" Ortiz made it two in a row over Saul Mamby when he scored a ten round decision over his New York rival.

In their first go Ortiz scored a controversial decision. In the return, Ortiz appeared better trained and punched with more authority. By the same token, his elongated opponent proved to be in excellent condition holding his own up to the close of the sixth round.

The decisive rounds of the fight proved to be the seventh and the eighth. In the seventh Ortiz began to shift his attack from the body to the head and cut his opponent's left eyelid with hooks to the face. Although staggered in this as well as the eighth round, Mamby came back to take a slight edge in the ninth. He failed to make the grand finale he produced in the tenth round of their previous encounter.

In a semi-final ten, lightweight, Don McClendon scored a unanimous decision over back-pedalling Victor Baerga. The bout lacked excitement and was a far cry from Don's previous showing here against Jose Peterson.

Local featherweight titleholder Andres Hernandez scored a ten round shutout over Pajarito Nieves. Nieves had nothing on the ball, with the exception of his marvelous ability for absorbing punishment.

▲**At Country Club Stadium, Carolina** — In the 126 class, Dominican Leo Cruz fought a ten round draw against Andres (Malanga) Torres. The decision was not popular.

In the 135 class Gino Febus outpointed Alfredo Escalera in a 10.

In the 130 class Enrique "Mani" Roque rocked Rafael Manon in the 4th round.

In the 118 class Emilio Hernandez scored over Francisco Aponte, six round decision.

In the 142 class Leopoldo Alvarado decisioned Juan Disla in a four.

In same stadium, in the 126 class, Venezuelan Gustavo Briceno scored a first round upset kayo over Benjamin Ramirez.

In the 160 Nelson La Salle looked good in winning over Hector Salaman in the 8th round.

Ezequiel Sanchez outpointed Alejandro Falcon in the 126 pound class in six.

In the 132 section Hector Medina kayoed Jose Serrano in the first round.

SWISS FANS LOW OVER ● CHERVET'S LOSS TO THAI ●

By WALTER RINDER

Zurich, Switzerland — There is much sadness in Swiss boxing circles over the KO suffered by Fritz Chervet by Chartchai Chionoi, now the WBA version of flyweight champion. Other results involving Swiss fighters:

▲**Geneva** — Light Heavyweights: Eric Nussbaum-Domenico Adinolfi, draw, 10.

▲**Geneva** — Jose Ungidos (Spain)-Ernest Adalon (France). Junior Welterweights. Ungidos won on points in 8 rounds.

▲**Geneva** — Welterweights: Lefferrant (France)-Melchia (France), Lefferrant won on points in 6.

▲**Lausanne** — Maurizio Bittarelli won on points against Roland Saussereau (France) in 6 rounds.

▲**Fribourg** — Max Hebeisen (Switzerland) vs. Salah Arafa (Algeria). Welterweights, Hebeisen won on points in 8.

KIRKMAN'S KO OF DROVER IN ● SEATTLE RATES AS NO FEAT ●

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Seattle, Wash. — Boxing received another setback here when Boone Kirkman (Seattle) and Bill Drover (Montreal) were allowed to headline a charade held at the Seattle Coliseum. This extravaganza of mis-matching, billed for ten rounds lasted 4 mins. 48 secs., less than two heats. Drover took the count after being tagged with a right.

▲Veteran Winnipeg boxer, Al Sparks, former Canadian Light-heavyweight leader, showed up many flaws in the build-up of Detroit light heavyweight Len Hutchins currently rated very high. Hutchins, at Detroit, was decked in the third round by a straight left. Although winning a unanimous decision, never at anytime did the Detroit boxer have Sparks in trouble.

On this showing, Hutchins did nothing to improve his situation.

▲Horst Geisler, 279 pounds, who is billed as 'HIM', fighting out of Toronto, won his second pro bout by KOing John Jackson, listed out of Buffalo, at 1:50 of the second round. Jackson weighing a mere 215 pounds was decked once in the second round before the KO.

▲**TORONTO** — It should be brought to the notice of promoters and matchmakers that here in Canada we do not have any junior champions. All junior classes were abolished by the Canadian Boxing Federation more than a year ago.

Present Canadian champions are as follows, Heavyweight, George Chuvalo (Toronto), Light Heavyweight, Gary Summerhays (Brantford), Middleweight, Dave Downey (Halifax, Welterweight, Clyde Gray (Toronto) Lightweight, Al Ford (Edmonton). Featherweight, Bantamweight and Flyweight divisions titles vacant.

WELDON DECISIONS RUIZ AS ● JACINTO CITY PROMOTES ●

By HERNAN HERNANDEZ

Jacinto City, Tex. — This town's second boxing promotion just outside Houston, came off well. It is a local promotion and has been presented to two crowds of standing room only. Seating capacity 1,500.

Kenny Weldon, Texas feather, decisioned (10 rds) over Memo Ruiz, featherweight from State of Nuevo Leon, Mexico (126).

Semi-final: Ike Fluellen, 147, Houston, KO in six over Bird Lopez, 145, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Jerry Kornele, 126, "The Fighting Leprechaun" scored a 2 rd. KO over Jesse "Chuey" Lara, Monterrey, Mexico.

"The Fighting Leprechaun's" seventh straight win, six by knockouts.

GOSS DEFEATS FERNANDEZ ● EASILY IN N.Y. FORUM ●

By JAMES ORTIZ

Trenton's Sammy Goss defeated Dominican Jose Fernandez over 10 rounds at the Felt Forum in Madison Square Garden. Each man weighed 129¼. Fernandez started strong, winning first four rounds. Goss then came on to shut him out over the last six.

In the eight round semi, Len Harden, 161, Rahway, N.J. outpointed Ramon Beras, Costa Rica, in a fast contest. Beras weighed 161.

Ronald Whyms, 141, New York, kayoed Mike Everett, 139, Philadelphia in two; Ramon DeJesus, 140, Bronx, New York, decisioned Justice Ortiz, 135, New York, four. Danny Daniels, 130½, Newark, N.J., defeated Dave Smith, 131, New York, four.

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FULLMER OVER KENDALL IN ● SLOW BOUT AT LOUISVILLE ●

By JOE MARTIN

Louisville, Ky. — Boxing returned to Kentucky after an absence of several years. The bouts were held at the Capitol Plaza.

The main event was between Don Fullmer, 176, who won by split decision over Andy Kendall, 175. They went the full ten rounds.

In the semi-final, Duane Bobick, 210, scored a TKO over William Anderson, 190, of Louisville in the fourth round.

Sam Floyd, 163, of Louisville, won a decision over Robert Willians, 160, of Memphis.

Robert Strong, 159, Louisville, in his first professional bout, won split decision over Morris Jordon, 159, of Cincinnati. Daniel Lee, 194, Louisville, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Dave Rodgers, 182, of Eugene, Oregon.

In the Fullmer-Kendall fight, both veterans spent most of the ten rounds holding, and trying to sucker the other one into an opening.

The turnout was disappointing, only 1,098 attendance.

18 OUT OF 18, ALL BY KO, AFTER DANNY LOPEZ WIN

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154, San Francisco, and JerryGibson, 148½, Sacramento, technical draw, (6).

▲**San Bernardino** — In a free swinging 10-rounder, Petey Vital, 136, El Monte, took the final two rounds to insure a decision win over Cesar Sinda, 133½, Congo, at the Arena.

Carlos Perez, 130, Los Angeles, KO over Humberto Reyes, 132, Mexico, (3); Alberto Davila, 119, Los Angeles, KO over Ruben Mozqueda, 120, Mexico, (5); Bobby Stewart, 174, Oakland, KO over Ron Ligon, 178, Los Angeles, (2).

▲**Sacramento** — Steve Carter, 211¾, Oakland, pulled off a mild upset, taking a 10-round decision over former California heavyweight leader Henry Clark, 216½, San Francisco.

Carter's speed and effective left hand proved to be the difference.

Monroe Brooks, 136½, Los Angeles, KO over Jerry Jacobs, 138½, Sacramento, (2); Johnny Dunn, 168, Los Angeles, decision over King Henry Tavake, 173, Samoa, (6); Jesus Robles, 129, Sacramento, decisioned Louis Rodriguez, 127½, Mexico, (6).

▲**Stockton** — Filipino favorite Rudy Barro, 142½, came up with a strong body attack to edge Mexico's Agapito Villegos, 142½, in the 10-round feature at the Auditorium. There were no knockdowns.

▲**Sacramento** — Carlos Salinas, 161, the transplanted Argentine middleweight, was too crafty and too strong for Jose Luis Espinosa, 158, Mexico City, in their 10-rounder at Memorial Auditorium.

▲**Los Angeles** — Mexico City welterweight Isaac Quintas had to undergo emergency brain surgery for the removal of a blood clot following his 10 round decision loss to Renato Garcia of Santiago, Chile, at Olympic.

The operation was performed by a team of neuro-surgeons at the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center and was a complete success.

Quintas staged an amazing recovery and was released four weeks following the bout.

It was a bruising battle with Garcia in front all the way. While he took some bad head blows, Quintas never left his feet till after the decision was announced. He collapsed in the ring.

The win gave Garcia a 14-0 slate, while Quintas was reduced to 24-3. The weights; Renato, 149, Quintas, 148.

In a companion 10-rounder, once beaten Benny (Memin) Rodriguez, 119, Los Angeles, halted Francisco Rodriguez, 118½, Mexico, in the fourth round. A cut left eye forced the house medico, Dr. Bernie Schwartz to end it.

▲**Los Angeles** — Dino Del Cid, 154½, Panama, making his first start since September of last year, kayoed local hero Oscar Alvarado, 156½, in one.

Referee Dick Young halted the contest, with Alvarado helpless after a knockdown for an eight count by an uppercut to the chin. This was only Oscar's sixth loss in 55 bouts.

Benny Reyes, 147½, drew with Andy Price, 142, 6 rds; Felton Marshall, 159, drew with Frank Montano, 160, 5 rounds.

Armando Cordova, 135, kayoed Rudy Acunia, 142, in three.

NORTHERN MEXICO BOXERS GOING AT HOT PACE

By RAMON ESPINOSA RIVA

San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico: Manuel Fierro, 160, the boy from San Jose de Bacum, Sonora, (Nowmaking his home in Mexicali) won a unanimous decision over the veteran Denny Moyer, 159, Las Vegas, who suffered cuts over right and left eyes. It was Denny's first loss to a Mexican fighter in a 16 year career.

Humberto Ramos, 119, Mexicali, won an unpopular split decision against Alfredo Torres, 122, Hermosillo. The fans booed the verdict. Torres is a good prospect and now his record is 10-2. His latest victims were Jose Luis Estrada and Lorenzo Maldonado, the first by TKO and the second by decision in 10.

Ramon Soltero, 148, Mexicali, a welter amateur champion of Mexico, stopped Alfonso Morales, 150, Hermosillo, Sonora, in two. Soltero is now 2-0 both by KO. Raul Pacheco, 112, Mexicali, another fine prospect, knocked out Manuel Vazquez, 116, Hermosillo, in five rounds. Pacheco like Soltero is 2-0, both by KO of Vazquez.

Artemio Jeronimo, 118, from San Luis Rio Colorado, who is fighting in the Olympic in Los Angeles, making his debut in his home town, stopped Fili Castro, 119, Mexicali, in the eighth. Jeronimo is now 11-1.

Victor Manuel Acosta, 122, Mexicali, was too much for Memin Hernandez, 124, local boy, and stopped him in five.

In another show, the featherweight from Mexicali, Guillermo "Memo" Morales suffered cuts on the right eye and lost to Moises "Moy" Felix, 127, Cd. Obregon, by KO in ninth.

Victor Rios, 127, Navojoa, Sonora, one of the best featherweights of the Coast stopped Julio Leal, 128, Mexicali, in the fourth round.

Ricardo "Macanas" Garcia, 129, Mexicali, knocked out Javier Castillon, 127, Guaymas, Son., in five rounds.

In the second main event, Lorenzo Maldonado, 125, Guaymas, won split decision against Ramiro Borboa, 121, Hermosillo, Son. in 10 rounds. Borboa is now 10-3 with 7 KOs. * Juan "Cachorro" Medina, 135, Tepic, Nayarit, won the lightweight championship of Mexico from Leoncio Ortiz, 135, Mexico City, on a unanimous decision. In the early rounds, Medina hit the canvas, but closed hard and sent Ortiz to the floor in the eighth and tenth to win the championship. Medina is now 32-1 (his only loss was to Roberto Duran, lightweight champion of the world, with 27 by KO.

Ricardo Delgado, 112, Mexico City, the Olympic gold medal winner, knocked out, in the first round, Chaparro Perez, 114, Cd. Obregon.

Guaymas, Sonora — Antonio "Zurdo" Fuentes, 113, Mexicali, one of the best flyweights in Mexico, was too much for Mosco Amador, 114, Guaymas. Halted in the second.

Jorge Valenzuela, 124, Hermosillo, another good featherweight from Sonora, kayoed Al Zamora, 126, Navojoa in two rounds. Valenzuela lost to Joe Medrano, in Los Angeles in his last previous fight.

Agua Prieta, Sonora — Gerardo Ferrat, 136, Mexicali, went to Panama, and lost by TKO to Roberto Duran. He returned to small town to win by TKO from the idol of Agua Prieta, Joe Casius Kid, in the 6th round. Casius in his last fight outpointed Aurelio Muniz, Matamoros, Mexico. Turco Leyva and Regino Corral drew in 10 rounds. * Regino Corral, 148, from Huatabampo, Son. decisioned Turco Leyva, 148, Hermosillo, Sonora. Martin Buchanan, 115, Huatabampo, beat Antonio Perez, 117, Hermosillo, in 10.

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MUNDINE, MONZON SCORE KNOCKOUTS

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Kakolewicz brought joy to his mother on January 9, 1950. He had 84 amateur bouts winning 60, drew 4 and lost 20.

German welterweight and junior middleweight champions, 'twins' Kurt and Randolp Hombach, are also holding the besieged fort and could be fighting for European titles in the near future.

▲In London, Johnny Clark and Italian, Franco Zurlo met for Augustin Senin's vacated European bantamweight title. 25 year-old Clark won on points with referee, Ben Brill, Holland, and judges, Baldeyron, France, and Robert Desgain, Belgium, all handing in scorecards in his favor, 73-72, 72-70 and 73-69.

The French Federation took away Jacques Kechichian's French junior middleweight title because he did not meet his challenger, Jean Baptiste Rolland.

Bogs outscored the USA rated Mike Quarry and will probably vacate his title and campaign among the light heavies.

Monzon came to Rome and conquered. He stopped the American Dale, in five rounds but his performance was not brilliant. His title was not at stake.

Monzon heard that his brother had been killed prior to his battle with Dale and this may be accepted as the reason for his poor performance. Emile Griffith can expect the real Monzon when they meet in San Remo with the title at stake later this year.

Former European light heavyweight champion Conny Velensek, Germany, traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa, to be outpointed by Pierre Fourie, over ten rounds.

Spaniard, Jose 'Gypsy' Jimenez won Jose Legra's vacated European featherweight title, outpointing Scotland's Tommy Glencross, over 15 rounds.

Gregorio Peralta, Argentina, based in Germany, was outpointed over ten rounds by Ron Lyle at Denver, Col. Peralta is managed by German Fritz Wiene.

GERMANY

▲**Berlin** — Fritz Gretzschel's four musketeers, August, Sasse, Kakolewicz and Dagge, all won their bouts on the card at the Neuen Weld in Berlin. A crowd of only 1,500 was in attendance.

August's opponent, a guy called Ray Adonis, from Ghana, was ruled out in the second frame. The Bund Deutscher Berufsboxer officials fined the visitor 1,000 marks for his 'Dying Swan' act. When the promoter paid Adonis the remainder of his purse, 379 marks, it was thrown at the promoter's feet.

Another guy, Cha Cha Cabrera, said to be from Bobby Gleason's stable, put on a Tarzan act against Hartmut Sasse until he took a right and went to his knees for the full count.

Kakolewicz, Berlin, beat Jose Maver, Yugoslavia, KO1. Middleweight Dagge, Berlin, beat the Austrian champion, Anton Schnedl, who collected a cut eyebrow in the fourth.

Welterweight Kurt Hombach, German champion, beat Sreco Weiner, Yugoslavia, KO2. Junior middleweight. German champion, Randolp Hombach beat Young Griffo, Yugoslavia, TKO3.

▲**Krefeld** — Welterweight Klaus Haevescher beat Joachim Trautwein, TKO6. Welterweight Klaus Fuchs beat Turk, Haci Demir Bash, over four rounds. Middleweight Harry Klobes beat Alan Widjaja on points over four frames. Heavyweight Herbert Willems outscored Ulrich Barwisch over four rounds. Heavyweight Horst Lang decisioned Manfred Ackers, four rounds.

▲**Wiesbaden** — German junior middleweight champion Randolp Hombach retained his title by outpointing Frank Reiche over 12 rounds. It was a close affair and Reiche deserved half of the points. Twin brother Kurt, German welterweight champion, beat Turk Haci Demirbas, TKO3. Heavyweight Hartmut Sasse, Germany, beat Kilani Romdhani, Tunis, who retired with a cut left eye in round two. Middleweight Dagge, Germany, kayoed Italian Antonio Rimasti with a right in the first round. Kakolewicz, Germany, outpointed Eddie Patterson, Nigeria, in a light heavyweight contest, six rounds.

▲**Offenbach** Kurt Hombach defended his German welterweight title successfully against Karl Furcht winning on points over 12 rounds. Junior middleweight. Randolp Hombach, Germany, decisioned Frenchman, Daniel Martin, over eight rounds. Jean Emmerich outscored Italian, Dario Diamante, six. Light heavyweight. Leo Kakolewicz beat Antonio Rimasti, Italy, TKO5. Heavyweight Sasse outscored Randy Stevens, USA, six. Lightweight Rolf Braum drew in his six-rounder with Hu Long Park, Korea.

▲**Kiel** — European junior lightweight champion Abend, retained his title, stopping Frenchman Felix Said Brami in 11 rounds before a crowd of 2,500. In a supporting bout German middleweight champion, Peter Tombers held on to his title, kayoing Hans Dieter Schwartz in frame five. Heavyweight Avenamar Peralta, Argentina, beat Christian Poncelet, France, TKO5. Karsten Honhold beat Horst Lang, TKO4. Karl Heinz Klein, Germany, outpointed Jean Tshikuna, Belgium, eight.

ITALY

▲**Latisana** — Featherweight Giuseppe Martucci outscored Arrow Abu, Nigeria, six.

▲**Padua** — Middleweight. Luciano Sarti decisioned William Poitrimol, ten.

▲**Rimini** — Featherweight. William Murgida and Giovanni Cavazzini drew in their ten rounder. Junior welterweight. Antonio Chiodoni beat Frenchman, Ernest Andalon, TKO5. Middleweight. Gabrile Lazzari decisioned Daniel Letartre, France, six.

▲**Novara** — Welterweight. Sandro Lopopolo, Italy, had his last fight and outscored Pietro Gasparri, ten. Sandro was world champion in 1966 and in 67 fights lost a dozen. Junior lightweight. Oronzo Pesare decisioned Jacques Manane, eight. Giorgi Merlin outscored Nevio Carbi, eight.

▲**Turin** — Welterweight. Domenico Di Lorio, scored his 19th win with 2 draws, beating Angel Dillella, Argentine, who retired with a cut eye in round three. Middleweight. Jose Luis Duran, Argentina, outpointed Guerrino Cipriani, six.

▲**Forli** — Middleweight. Sauro Soprani, Italy, beat Ray Philippe, Luxembourg, KO4. Light heavyweight. Franco Feligoni beat Antonio Rosito, KO5.

▲**Reggio Emillia** — Junior middleweight. Renzo Pontiroli decisioned Bruno Facchetti, eight. Lightweight. Tor Gennatiemo beat Rocco Zecca, who was disqualified in the third.

▲**Milan** — Junior welterweight. 22 year-old, Antonio Chiodoni, an Italian outstanding lightweight, outscored Bruno Melissano, six. Junior middleweight. Celestino Uteh, Nigeria, beat Paolo Vianini, TKO2. Welterweight. Carlo Sambusiti, outscored Renato Zampieri, six. Featherweight. Domenico Chiloiri outscored Luigi Tessarin, six.

▲**Fidenza** — Welterweight. Giovani Molesini beat Beniamino Guerrini, who was disqualified in the fourth.

▲**Cinisello** — Welterweight. Emilio Deplane beat Salvatore Ferrante who retired with a cut eye in the opening frame.

▲**Novara** — Junior lightweight. Giogio Merlin outscored Nevio Carbi, eight.

▲**Brindisi** — Junior middleweight. Armando Pettronelli outscored Mario Coiro, eight. Bantamweight. Teodoro Carollo decisioned Omar Cabrera, eight.

▲**Palermo** — Junior lightweight. Giovanni Girgenti outscored Amleto Restano, ten.

▲**Marsala** — Junior lightweight. Giovanni Girgenti decisioned Amlet Restano, ten.

▲**Cagliari** — European lightweight champion Antonio Puddu, Italy, retained his crown, beating Dominique Azzaro, France, in round one. Referee, Sid Nathan, Great Britain, called a halt after Azzaro had been knocked down a third time. Undefeated Puddu was making his fourth defense since he won the title in 1971. Flyweight. Emilio Pireddu beat Giancarlo Anibaldi, TKO5. Franco Udella outscored Grazietto Soro, six.

▲**Udine** — Heavyweight. Italian, Bepi Ros outscored Mongol Ortiz, Mexico, ten. Lightweight. Bruno Freschi decisioned Omar Oliva, eight. Featherweight. Claudio Piccolo outscored Arrow Abu, eight.

▲**Rome** — 9,000 fans saw world middleweight champion, Carlos Monzon beat American, Roy Dale, KO5. The champion's title was not at stake.

▲**Rome** — Light heavyweight. Renzo Grespan decisioned Sergio Janilli, ten. Welterweight. Nicola Sassanelli outscored Vasco Armstrong, eight.

FRANCE

▲**Bruay en Artois** — Middleweight. Jackie Ben Lachemi decisioned Vicente Parra, ten. Middleweight. Billy Suze beat William Poitrimol, TKO4.

▲**Paris** — Middleweight. Philippe Jacques drew with Osvaldo Smerille over eight rounds.

▲**Courbevoie** — Bantam. Jack Bihin beat Souleymane Ba. TKO2.

▲**Noeux Les Mines** — Feather. Boualem Blidi outscored Georges Fountaine, eight.

▲**Dunkirk** — Roger Zami won the French junior welterweight title, beating champion Bernard Creton, KO3. Welterweight. Guy Vercoutter decisioned Jean Claude Delgove, ten.

▲**Marseilles** — Middleweight. Gratien Tonna beat 20-year-old, Miguel Chequer, TKO4. This was Chequer's first taste of defeat.

▲**Calais** — Light heavyweight. Yanik Dufour beat Ochaka Boubekeur, TKO6.

▲**Amiens** — Junior welterweight. Jean Claude Lefarge outpointed Gerard Leterme, eight.

▲**Dijon** — Lightweight. Pierre Petit decisioned Franco Soro, eight.

▲**Rheims** — Junior welterweight. Jean Marco Pallo decisioned Abd Benyahia, eight.

▲**Soissons** — Lightweight. Ray Dauteuille outscored Guy Body, eight.

▲**Villeubaune** — Guy Caudron retained his French bantamweight title beating Antoine Porcel, KO5. Lightweight. Elfy Pinna beat Tony Ramos, KO2. Middleweight. Gerard Nosely decisioned Mohammed Bouchara, six.

▲**Compiegne** — Light heavyweight. Robert Amory beat William Poitrimo, TKO7. Featherweight. Ali Mebark and Thierry Meslem drew a six rounder.

▲**Paris** — Lightweight. Ould Makloufi outpointed Giovanni Girgenti, ten. Lightweight. Antoine Gapuano outscored Andre Lopez, six.

▲**Marseilles** — Jean Claude Bouttier beat Art Hernandez, USA, the referee calling a halt in round nine. The American was decked in the opening frame.

▲**Epernay** Fabio Bettini retained his French middleweight crown outpointing Michel Chapier, in twelve rounds.

NORWAY

▲**Oslo** — Lightweight. Sven Erik Poulsen, Norway, decisioned Domenico Chilorio, Italy, six. Junior welterweight. Kristian Heydall, Norway, outpointed Eduardo Diana, Italy, eight. Welterweight. Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, outscored Adriano Rodriguez, Brazil, eight. Junior welterweight. Erkki Meronen, Finland, beat Casimo Convertino, Italy, TKO4. Light heavyweight. Harold Skog, Norway, outpointed Lino Finotti, Italy, six.

▲**Oslo** — Junior welterweight. Piero Ceru, Italy, outscored Kristian Hoydahl, Norway, eight. Middleweight. Tom Jensen, Denmark, beat Mario Romersi, Italy, who collected a cut eye in the seventh. Lightweight. Sven Erik Paulsen, Norway, decisioned Paul Ikumpayi, Nigeria, six. Junior welterweight. Erkki Meronen, Finland, decisioned Gualberto Fernandez, Uruguay, six. Heavyweight. Harold Skag, Norway, beat Ermanno Festorazzi, Italy, TKO2.

SPAIN

▲**Madrid** — Welterweight. Mimoun Mohatar beat Felix Romero, TKO8. Featherweight. Nino Jimenez outpointed Jesus Canut, six. Lightweight. Jeronimo Lucas beat Kid Dongo, KO5.

BELGIUM

▲**Welkenraedt** — Light heavyweight. Christian Mossoux and Jacques drew in their eight rounder.

TURKEY

▲**Ankara** — Junior welterweight. Cemal Kamaci, European champion, outscored Romualdo D'Alo, Italy, in a non title fight, ten rounds.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Zurich** — Eric Nussbaum, Switzerland, beat Macka Foley, USA, in the fourth. The American was decked on two occasions before the referee called a halt. Nussbaum, official challenger for the light heavyweight crown of Europe, is undefeated in twenty starts.

HOLLAND

▲**Amsterdam** — Fighting Mack, Holland, outscored Frenchman, Gerard Cola, eight rounds. Joop Kruis drew with Clement Tsinzo. Both visited the canvas. Benny Zwererijinen beat Ronald Riedewald, KO2. Nikkeln Kuyper beat Ray Adonis, Ghana, with fifteen seconds left of round six.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen** — European middleweight champion Tom Bogs, outpointed American, Mike Quarry, ten rounds.

FINLAND

▲**Helsinki** — Two thousand, five hundred saw a good show at the Kupittaan hall with Elis Ask as the promoter. Erik Nikkinen decisioned David Pesenti, France, eight rounds. Kari Meronen, Finland, beat Mongi Ladhilli, Tunis, on points over eight rounds. Timo Ahola beat Expedit Monteho Dahomey over four rounds.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

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winner came as no surprise, but the scorecards did. I would have given Zurlo no more than three rounds, with perhaps a couple even.

Bunny Sterling, 160, is still the British middleweight champion. Sterling, born in Jamaica, now resident in London, comfortably outpointed Mark Rowe, 158, over 15 rounds, by 74-73.

This contest had a long build-up. It all started in September, 1970, when Sterling took the British and Commonwealth titles from Rowe, the bout being stopped in the fourth when Rowe had eye injuries.

There were allegations that Sterling had used his head illegally, and this had been built up by certain sections of the press into a sort of feud.

But a feud it never was. Rowe, one of Britain's most exciting fighters in recent years, is also one of the most popular and likeable. He did go on record as saying that he thought he had been butted on one occasion, but never made any adverse comments about Sterling, nor Sterling about him.

Of course Rowe wanted to get his old title back. That is the main reason he has continued boxing, when several "well-meaning" people have advised him to retire.

Mark has a very large following, which made this contest such a great attraction. Sterling has never enjoyed Rowe's popularity, which has always been difficult to understand, as he is Britain's best current champion for pure skill. Strangely enough some fans still like to watch a boxer who excels at the finer points of the game.

So this was the build-up. Was the first result a fair one? Would Rowe prove it was not, or would Sterling prove beyond all doubt that he deserved to be champ?

The latter was the case. For ten rounds there was really one boxer in it — Sterling. He was far too fast for Rowe, and his skills brought cheers, some of them very grudging, from the fans who had come to see Rowe win back his title.

It looked like master and pupil, but one of Rowe's greatest assets is his fighting heart. He just never gives in, and as far as he was concerned there were still five rounds to go, and still time for him to win.

Consequently when Sterling began to slow, Rowe flung everything into the attack, and met with immediate success. In the eleventh he thumped Sterling with a hard left to the body that slowed him up, and just kept hooking away with both hands to head and to body, with Sterling using all his skill to block, parry or evade Mark's blistering attacks.

Sterling was undoubtedly running out of gas, but there wasn't really enough time for Rowe to make up the points leeway, and Bunny put in a good final round to foil any attempts Mark made to try to stop him.

The result was a formality, but it did serve to shut up once and for all anyone who had been criticizing Sterling's tactics. It was one of the cleanest bouts seen for some time, and showed a lot of character by both boxers.

It was revealed afterwards that Sterling had been 6½ pounds overweight the day before the fight, which was in part attributed to Bunny's love of melons. But it obviously caused his slowing up in the final rounds.

Rowe has decided to continue boxing, hoping that the British Boxing Board of Control will introduce a Junior middleweight division at their next annual general meeting. He can make 154 with ease.

Sid Falconer, Bournemouth, 178, survived a terrific attack for almost the whole of the first round from Peter McCann, Birkenhead, 178, and came back to beat McCann, who retired at the end of the fourth with an injured right shoulder.

It was McCann's first loss after seven wins, all inside the distance. He tired from the exertions of his first-round onslaught, which Falconer not only survived, but came back in the last half-minute of that opening session to take the fight to McCann.

Falconer got a cut left eye, the noses of both men bled, and McCann was down for nine in the fourth before retiring.

Pat McCann (no relation), Harrow, 172, turned in a fine performance to outpoint Graham Sines, Wandsworth, 175½, over eight by 39½-38¾. Southpaw McCann jabbed cleanly and Sines found it difficult to fathom his stance.

In the final session Sines was down for nine, and seemingly had injured his right eye. It was McCann's first bout as a light-heavy and immediately puts him in the Top Ten.

Vernon Sollas, Edinburgh, 125½, is rapidly proving to be one of the best young prospects in the country. He stopped experienced Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 127¾, just 62 seconds before the end of their eight-rounder to save Billy from further punishment.

The 18-year-old Sollas can box, punch and, more important still, can take a punch. Belnavis was no lamb being led to the slaughter. He gave Sollas quite a bit of trouble, and appeared likely to be the first of Vernon's three professional opponents to go the full distance.

But Sollas paces a fight beautifully, and he turned on the pressure just at the right time. Belnavis took two counts in the final round, then it was stopped.

In the show-closer, those who had stopped on saw a great fight and threw nobbins into the ring after Bob Murphy, Manchester, 160, had outscored Charlie Small, Kings Cross, 160, over six by 29½-29¼. This was a typical pier 6 brawl, and the fans loved every moment.

▲**Manor Place Baths, London** — Billy Aird, Liverpool, 195, so often criticized for not being aggressive enough, turned in a fine attacking performance to outpoint Brian Jewitt, Newcastle, 194½, over eight by 40-38½, which meant that Aird didn't lose a round.

Central Area champion Aird dominated this one from start to finish. A short right to the jaw in the opening session pulled Jewitt up in his tracks, and was the pattern for the rest of the bout.

Aird did pretty much as he liked, and although Jewitt was never in danger of being floored, he was outboxed and outgeneralled.

Johnny Cheshire, Ayr, 137, outpointed Tommy Sobles, Leeds, 137, also over eight, by 39¾-39¼.

It was their fourth bout, and Cheshire now leads by 2-1. One was drawn.

Sobles was down for five in the sixth. Cheshire showed the better variety of punches to deserve his victory.

There were four competitors for the £1,000 Heavyweight Competition. In the semi-finals, over three rounds, John Cullen, Bedford, 184, outscored Brian Hall, Bexleyheath, 192, who went as a spectator, but was persuaded to make up the number, and John Celebanski, Bradford, 193, outpointed Dick King, Wellingborough, 202.

In the final Cullen outscored Celebanski by 20-19½ over four. It was the latter's first appearance as a professional.

▲**Meadow Vale Club, Tonyrefail** — Nobbins were thrown into the ring after Welsh bantam champion Colin Miles, Tonyrefail, 120, had outpointed Spaniard Daniel Rodriguez Figueroa, 120, over eight cracking rounds. Score, 39½-38½.

Miles did most of the chasing, with Figueroa at times standing still to trade punches, and the Spaniard down for five in the seventh and cut by the left eye.

Miles got on top in the latter half, but Figueroa was never willing to concede ground, and the points margin looked closer than the scorecard indicated.

Clive Collins, Llantwit Major, 156½, stopped Jeff Burns, Swansea, 157½, the referee intervening in the fifth because of an injury to Burns' left eye.

This looked like developing into a good contest, with little in it when the end came.

Brian Jones, Port Talbot, 141, outpointed Ray Thorogood, Cardiff, 149, over six by 29¾-29½. Thorogood was down for seven in the second, with Jones always showing a little extra class.

Debutant Willie Cwm, Caerphilly, 137½, did well to draw with Graham Murphy, Merthyr, 135, over six. An all-action bout, with Cwm showing aggression against some accurate leads from southpaw Murphy.

▲**York Hall, London** — Late substitute George McKay, Edinburgh, 129, was too fast for Mickey Piner, Camberley, 127½, outscoring him over eight hectic rounds by 39½-39.

McKay jabbed quickly, and was invariably away before Piner could retaliate. When the latter did catch up with him it was Piner who showed up best at close quarters, but McKay never stopped jabbing with his accurate left.

There was one period in the seventh when Piner looked as if he might have his man on the run, but his success was only temporary, and McKay kept going to deserve his victory.

Johnny Wall, Shoreditch, 174, knocked out Alex Pernaski, Derby, 176, in the third after himself being floored in the opening session.

Dave Parris, Tottenham, 184½, outpointed Steve Foley, Bedford, 177, over eight "twos" by 39¾-38¾. A decisive victory, but not a very entertaining bout.

Mick Hussey, Islington, 163, stopped Mickey Lock, Croydon, 158½, in three rounds, after Lock had been down twice.

Charlie Small, Kings Cross, 161½, outscored Johnny Wright, Canning Town, 163, by 30-29 over six. Small's accurate counterpunching gained him victory over an aggressive opponent.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, London** — British and Commonwealth light-heavyweight champion Chris Finnegan, Iver, 172¼, had one of the easiest fights of his career in beating American Brian Kelly Burden of Oklahoma, 174½, referee Harry Gibbs stopping the bout in the fourth.

Burden hardly landed a punch. It was a totally inept exhibition, and not one expected from a man who had once fought for the world title. He kept switching to southpaw, but was unsuccessful either way.

Burden was floored in the third, but up without a count, and spent most of the time on the retreat. In this round he was warned to do some work, but this had no effect, and Finnegan was scoring at will when it was halted.

Some days afterwards the Board of Control announced that Burden would not be permitted to box in Britain again.

Finnegan was disappointed. He would have appreciated a longer job.

Dave Needham, Nottingham, who will meet champion Johnny Clark for the British bantamweight title soon, outpointed John Mitchell, Kirkcaldy, by 40-38¾ over eight, which meant Needham hadn't lost a round, but the fight looked closer than that.

Mitchell put up quite a fight, and was particularly impressive with right hands to the head, several of which whipped over Needham's southpaw defense.

Needham shook his man a couple of times with lefts to the chin, and Mitchell's nose bled in the fifth.

A plucky performance by Mitchell, but Needham finished strongly to put the issue beyond doubt.

Both boxers were under the stipulated 122.

Lennie Gibbs, Jamaica, 157, reversed a previous loss and achieved the best performance in his comeback campaign by outscoring Joe Gregory, Mitcham, 160½, over eight "twos" by 40-39¼.

Gibbs was warned for an alleged low blow in the third, but floored his man for three in the fifth, and kept busy to crowd Gregory out of it.

Les Williams, West Ham, 148, made a fine debut by outpointing Paddy McAleese, Bedford, 142, by 30-29½, over six "twos." A fast contest.

▲**World Sporting Club, London** — Southern Area welter champ Ricky Porter, Swindon, 149, drew with Alan Tottoh, Manchester, 148½, over eight.

Tottoh had the aggression, Porter the ringcraft and defense, and a fine contest resulted. It was nip and tuck, jab and counter, with both men showing an extensive repertoire of punches.

Fortunes fluctuated up to the closing rounds, when Tottoh looked to be in control in

the sixth and seventh, only for a weary Porter to raise his game in the final session.

A great fight between two top-class professionals. Difficult to pick a winner here, unless you actually counted the number of scoring blows landed by each man. But while scoring remains an assessment this was a good result.

Central Area middleweight champion Pat Dwyer, Liverpool, 161½, survived an uncertain second round to outpoint Fermin Gusman, Puerto Rico, 159¼, over eight by 39¾-38¾.

Dwyer was caught by a couple of hefty left hooks to the chin and one good right, and had to call upon his vast experience to keep out of trouble until the end of the session.

After that Pat relied upon his accurate left jabbing to keep his man at bay, and after that Gusman wasn't as effective as he had been in the opening stages. Dwyer was able to add some good following rights to his jabbing in the later stages to clinch a comfortable victory.

Barry Harris, Manchester, 126, outscored Joey Deriu, Cardiff, 122½, by 30-29 over six. The margin was hard on Deriu, was revealed some good counterpunching against a fast and aggressive opponent.

▲**Winter Gardens, Bournemouth** — Maxie Smith, Portsmouth, 177½, a late substitute, turned in a good performance to outpoint local boxer Sid Falconer, 180, over eight by 39½-39.

Smith was down for eight midway through the fight, but kept his jab working to counter the aggressive Falconer, who never stopped throwing punches.

Both had facial injuries, and the last two rounds were fought toe-to-toe.

Randolph Turpin, Leamington, 171, drew with Barry Clough, Stoke, 177, over eight. An even contest, with some neat boxing from Turpin and some hard work from the shorter, stockier Clough.

When they met previously Turpin won on points.

Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 150, and Keith Nugent, Stoke, 149½, also boxed a draw, this time over six. Nugent was on top early on with some good long-range boxing, but Evans kept forcing and did some impressive work inside.

Tony Chapman, Croydon, 129½, stopped Mickey Lynch, Loughborough, 128, in the second, the latter sustaining a cut eye.

▲**Cliffs Pavilion, Southend** — Floored three times, Roger Barlow, Coventry, 188, kept going to stop Vic Humphries, Kilburn, 183, in the fifth. It was a triumph for persistence and determination. Barlow started his comeback in the fourth, putting his opponent down for four, and Humphries was twice down in the fifth, when the referee intervened.

After an eight-rounds thriller nobbins were tossed into the ring in tribute to Les Pickett, Merthyr, 122, and Ray Jenkins, Hendon, 118, with Pickett winning by 39¾-39¼.

Never a lot between these at any time, but they tried so hard to get on top. Pickett was perhaps the more skilful and provided the cleaner punching, but a great performance by loser Jenkins.

Colin Davies, Aberfan, 160, was too sharp for Dusty Smith, Willesden, 156, winning on points over eight "twos" by 40-38¼.

Reg Jenkins, Caerphilly, 168, beat Pat Thompson, Islington, 170, the referee intervening in the fifth when Thompson had an eye injury.

Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 128½, stopped Ken Singlewood, Alfreton, 133, in the third, also on an eye injury.

Debutant Henry Rhiney, Luton, 150, drew with Terry Davies, Cardiff, 144¾, over six "twos."

▲**Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham** — Ronnie Hough, Liverpool, 163, stopped Arthur Winfield, Draycott, 158½, in the fifth, the referee intervening to save the latter further punishment.

Hough proved too experienced, flooring his man with a right to the face in the fifth. When Winfield rose, Hough continued his assault, whereupon it was stopped.

John Smith, Glasgow, 151½, gained a controversial points win over Liam White, Wells, 149, score 39¾-39½ over eight. White was floored for five in round three, but looked to have done enough to win, and some of the fans booed.

Tony Poole, Kettering, 145, outscored Bob Martin, Newcastle, 142, by 29½-29 over six. Martin was down for seven in the fourth.

Les Avoth, Cardiff, 162½, beat debutant Tony Byrne, Liverpool, 163, who retired at the end of the third with an eye injury.

▲**National Sporting Club, London** — Billy Aird, Liverpool, 195, included in the British heavyweight eliminators, was held to an eight-rounds draw by Rocky Campbell, Antigua, 192, who wasn't included in the eliminators, but thinks he should have been.

Aird was too negative in his approach, and allowed Campbell too much latitude. The latter's punches were not always correctly delivered, but he threw more than Aird.

Even when Campbell suffered a cut left eye Aird couldn't take advantage, and although the latter's blows were cleaner, there weren't enough of them. A draw looked a fair result.

Liam White, Wells, 151, reversed a recent defeat by outscoring John Smith, Glasgow, 153½, over eight "twos" by 39½-39¼.

Both had facial damage in this all-action encounter, but the aggressive White was good value for his win this time.

Brian Jones, Port Talbot, 142, beat Rod Griffiths, Harlesden, 151½, who retired in the third after being floored twice. It seemed as if he had damaged his ear from a Jones right-hander.

Jamaican-born Henry Rhiney, Luton, 153, outscored Ray Thorogood, Cardiff, 153½, over six "twos" by 30-28½. Thorogood was down twice.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester** — Substitute Joe Gregory, Mitcham, 160, outpointed Pat Brogan, Crewe, 163, over ten "twos" by 49¾-48¾, a margin which appeared to flatter Gregory.

Gregory opened confidently, then conceded the third and fourth, only to come again in the next two sessions, with Brogan finishing strongly. The latter was always busy, but Gregory countered well.

Nigel Williams, Liverpool, 183, drew with Kevin Madden, Manchester, 202, over six. A real punch-up, with the patrons appreciating an exciting encounter.

Billy Hall, Sheffield, 140½, stopped Dave Lawrence, Alfreton, in four. Debutant Lawrence was floored twice.

Another debutant, John Lain, Grimsby, 160, stopped Charlie Richardson, Liverpool, 162, in the fifth, punching hard with both hands to render Richardson virtually defenseless.

▲**European Sporting Club, Dublin** — Scottish welter champion Alan Reid, Edinburgh, 148½, reversed a defeat suffered only a week earlier when he beat former British junior welter champ Des Rea, Belfast, the All-Ireland title-holder, the referee intervening in the eighth and final round.

Southpaw Rea had a swollen right eye and was behind on points, but many fans thought this was no reason for the stoppage.

Be that as it may, Reid was ahead and had Rea on the end of an accurate left jab throughout. In contrast, Rea worked only in spasms, and Reid deserved his victory.

Substitute Derek Simpson, Kilmarnock, 146, outscored Pat Marshall, Bristol, over eight by 39¾-39½. Marshall was always in the fight, but Simpson used his height and reach advantages to good effect and jabbed well with his left.

▲**Civic Hall, Wolverhampton** — Larry Paul, Wolverhampton, 154, provided his own 21st birthday present by easily outpointing Scottish middleweight champion Don McMillan, Glasgow, 159, over eight by 39¾-38¾.

Considering that only a couple of months previous Don McMillan had been fighting for the British title, and that Paul was taking part in only his fourth professional bout that was an outstanding performance.

Paul was too sharp for the 34-year-old McMillan. He jabbed with authority, moved more quickly, avoided the right swings that Don threw, and generally coasted to a comfortable victory.

McMillan was bruised by both eyes, and Paul's only mark was a nose bleed, sustained in the fourth.

Tim Wood, Leicester, 187½, had to pull out all the stops in order to keep his unbeaten record by narrowly defeating Dennis Avoth, Cardiff, by 39½-39¼ over eight.

Wood was doing well early on, but took a couple of right hands in the fourth that shook him, and from then on Avoth showed up well. It looked as if everything hinged on the last round, which Wood won to clinch the verdict.

Johnny Jennings, Birmingham, 146½, stopped substitute Freddie McMillan, Glasgow, 145½, in three. McMillan was down in the second and third.

Seemingly on the verge of defeat, Bruce Woodward, Stafford, 186, stopped Steve Foley, Bedford, 180, in five. Woodward, defending desperately, managed to bring over a right to the jaw that shook Foley, and the referee then intervened.

John McKnight, Glasgow, outscored Peter Huitt, Alfreton, by 29¾-20 over six. It was the third time these two bantams had met and McKnight has now won all three.

▲**Guildhall, Southampton** — Jan Magdiarz, Eastleigh, 162, sensational knocked out Johnny Rushton, Doncaster, 163, just 41 seconds before the end of the eighth and final round.

It seemed that Magdiarz would lose his unbeaten record by the end of the sixth. Rushton had got his left and working well, and Jan didn't seem to be able to get a clean shot at the target.

But the situation changed in the seventh, when a right cross at last got through Rushton's defenses, and he went down as the bell ended the round.

Magdiarz piled on the pressure in the final session, with Rushton trying all he knew to hang on to a narrow lead, but two beautiful punches, a left hook followed by a right cross, put him down for the full count.

West Indies-born Bob Tuckett, Leeds, 168½, came in as a substitute and beat Peter Brisland, Southampton, 173, the bout being stopped in the second when the latter had a cut left eye.

Even in that short time plenty of hard punches were exchanged, and it was a good left from Tuckett that caused the cut.

Sid Paddock, Southampton, 196, made it three wins over Kenny Burrell, Worksop, 201, by outpointing him over eight "twos" by 40-38½. Paddock found little difficulty in getting inside Burrell's longer reach, and forced the issue throughout.

Mick Evans, Bournemouth, 151½, beat Jimmy Corrigan, Doncaster, 150, who was disqualified in the third of a mauling bout.

In a clash of debutants, Dennis Jeram, Portsmouth, 158½, outscored Andy Differ, Poole, 152½, over six by 29½-29¼.

Mike Cottingham, Lymington, 176½, beat Bernard Tingley, Gosport, 172, the bout being stopped in the fourth when Tingley had a cut eye. These two were also making their pro debuts.

▲**Bedfordshire Sporting Club** — Bunny Johnson, Jamaica, 184, stopped Guinea Roger, Nigeria, 182, in six, making the score over Roger 4-1 in bouts.

Johnson's left hand was accuracy personified, and Roger was in trouble as the bell ended the fourth. Bunny continued the assault in the fifth, and was hitting Roger with every punch in the book when it was stopped in the following round.

After six months of inactivity George Gray, Harlesden, 178, beat Ade Ajasco, Nigeria, who retired with a shoulder injury in the fifth. This confirmed a previous win over Ajasco.

Gray was well on top when it ended.

Mario Stango, Bedford, 125, beat Martin Galleozzie, Merthyr, 128, who retired with an injured nose at the end of the fourth.

Stango was cut by the right eye in the third, and there was little in it at the close.

Allan Jones, Merthyr, 140, outpointed Pat McAllese, Bedford, over six by 29¾-29¼.

▲**Premier Ring Sporting Club, London** — Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 144, made it five straight wins by stopping Hugh Clark, Battersea, 143½, in two rounds. Clark was down for five from a right to the jaw. When he rose he was adjudged in no position to defend himself.

Brendan Ingle, Sheffield, 161½, outpointed Mick Hussey, Islington, 162, over eight "twos" by 40-38¼. Hussey tried hard enough to go forward, but couldn't catch Ingle, who jabbed impressively on the retreat.

Ingle was cut on the forehead in the fifth, and Hussey cut by the left eye in the seventh.

Henry Rhiney, Luton, 153½, outscored Keith Nugent over six "twos" by 30-28¾.

▲**National Sporting Club, London** — Dave Needham, Nottingham, 119½, gained an impressive win over John Kellie, Glasgow, 118¾, the Scottish bantam champion, by 39¾-39 over eight crowd-pleasing rounds which brought "nobbins."

Needham is the official contender for the British bantam title, and Kellie saw this fight as a means to getting back in favor. But it wasn't to be, and Needham was well worth the three-rounds points margin.

Kellie did his best to bustle Needham out of it, but the Nottingham southpaw forged ahead after three rounds to control the contest with his accurage right lead.

Kellie got a cut by the left eye in the sixth, but continued to try and battle it out to the bitter end, and managed to get home with a few good right hands.

Yet Needham's superior boxing was enough to keep him in control.

Swindon southpaw Eddie Neilson, 209½, outpointed Welsh heavyweight champion Dennis Avoth, Cardiff, 189¼, for the second time. The score was 40-38¼, which meant Neilson hadn't lost a round.

Avoth came in qs a substitute, and had to survive a few anxious moments in the first two rounds, when it looked as if it could be all over.

But once this uncertain period was over, Avoth fought pluckily and even caught his man with one or two good rights to the head. Southpaw Neilson generally kept on top with neat right jabs and some good body shots, and Avoth tired in the closing stages, as was to be expected.

Glasgow southpaw Jim Melrose, 139¼, outscored Barton McAllister, Balham, 142½, by 29¾-29½ over six, forcing it throughout, and looking better value than the scoreline indicated.

Melrose turned pro in 1971, had two fights, winning one and drawing the other, then was reinstated as an amateur by the Scottish Amateur Boxing Association. He wanted to represent his country in this year's European amateur championships, but as a former pro he could not, so he decided to turn pro again.

Roy Stevens, Vauxhall, 151, stopped Dennis Brannigan, Middlesbrough, 152, in the fifth, the latter getting an eye injury. Plenty of honest endeavor, but it looked as if Stevens would have won anyway.

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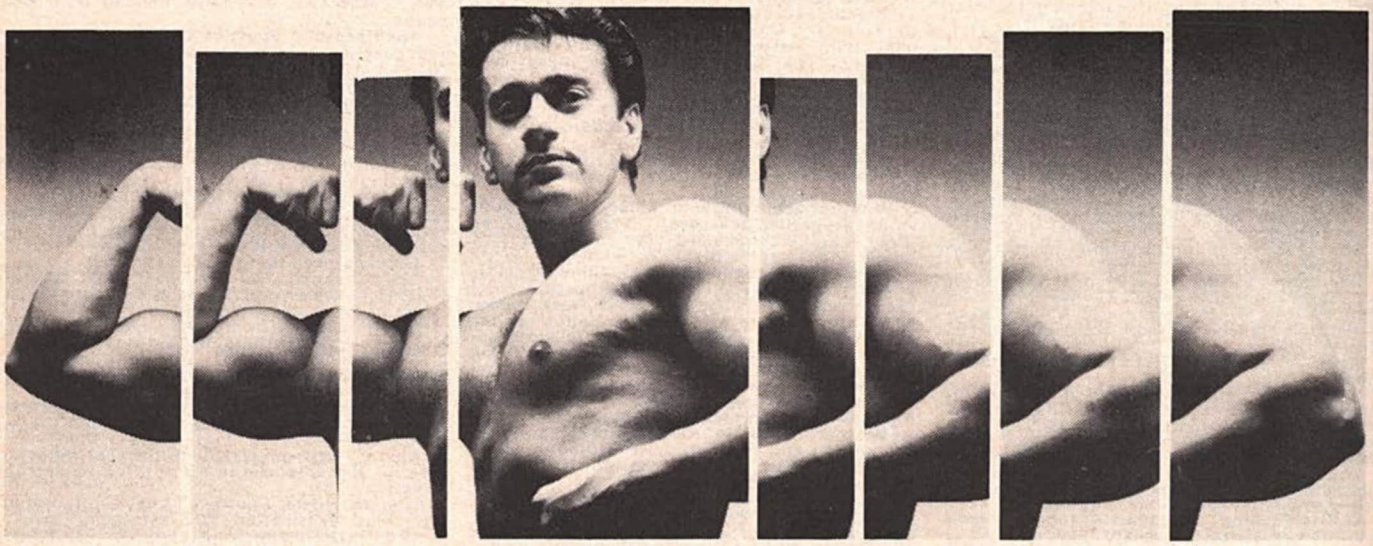

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